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Dramatic incidents of one of the greatest rail hold-ups ever known in Britain were revealed in London last night.

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Search and rescue parties waded waist-deep through the snow for hours to get through to them.

Twenty-five trains were thrown off the lines and no fewer than 37 passenger services were disorganised. — Reuter

THE U.S. SENATE yesterday rejected, by 62 votes to 28, an amendment to the Aid to Britain Bill forbidding the conveying by American armed forces of war material shipped from the western hemisphere.

Immediately following rejection of the second amendment to the Lease and Lend Bill by the Senate yesterday, Senator Barkley forecast that the Senate would pass the Bill to-night.

FIELD-MARSHAL LIST, COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN TROOPS IN BULGARIA, HEADED A GERMAN MILITARY DELEGATION WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY KING BORIS YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO A SOFIA TELEGRAM.

MARSHAL LIST WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. POPOFF, AND THE WAR MINISTER, M. DASKALOFF, ACCORDING TO BREMEN RADIO.—REUTER.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE DUTCH EAST INDIES WILL BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY. — REUTER.

The Admiralty announced yesterday that the destroyer H.M.S. Dainty has been sunk. Next of kin of casualties have been informed. . . . Reuter.

VICEROY'S APPEAL

The Viceroy yesterday appealed to all religions in India to observe March 23 as a National day of Prayer with the people of the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

R.A.F. and A.A. Share The Honours

SIXTEEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN DURING A HEAVY RAID ON MALTA ON WEDNESDAY, WHILE ONLY ONE R.A.F. FIGHTER WAS SHOT DOWN, STATES A MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

British fighters accounted for four Junkers bombers, one Dornier bomber and two Messerschmidt fighters, while one Messerschmidt fighter and eight other enemy aircraft were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

Several others were damaged and it is doubtful if they managed to return to their base.

The enemy aircraft numbered over 100.

Some damage was done to buildings, the communique continues, but there were no casual-

11 AXIS SHIPS LOST AT KISMAYU

Following the sinking of 18,000 tons of German shipping in the Lofoten Islands, comes an announcement that 11 enemy ships were lost when the port of Kismayu was captured.

It can now be stated, says an Admiralty communique, that five Italian merchantships, with a total tonnage of 28,153, fell into British hands as a result of the capture of the port of Kismayu. These ships are: The Adria (3,800 tons), Erminia Mazzella (5,742 tons), Manon (5,597 tons), and Leonardo da Vinci (7,515 tons). Four other ships scuttled themselves in Kismayu harbour. One of these is known to be the Italian ship Marghera (4,531 tons).

Nazi Losses

Losses were also inflicted on the German mercantile marine as a result of the capture of Klamayu. The German vessel Uckermark (7,021 tons) attempted to escape, was intercepted by British forces, and tried to scuttle herself. The attempt was frustrated but the Uckermark subsequently sank while in tow. The German ship Askari (580 tons) was driven ashore.—Reuter.

FAR EAST POSITION BALANCED

British, Australian and United States diplomatic representatives in Washington yesterday conferred on Europe and the Far East.

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to America, told reporters that the diplomats reached a common agreement in judging and estimating developments in the two spheres.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Casey, the Australian Minister, talked for an hour with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, after which Lord Halifax, in an interview, said:

"I think we are in very common agreement about the values of fac's and the information we had. It is good to know that we see them very much alike."

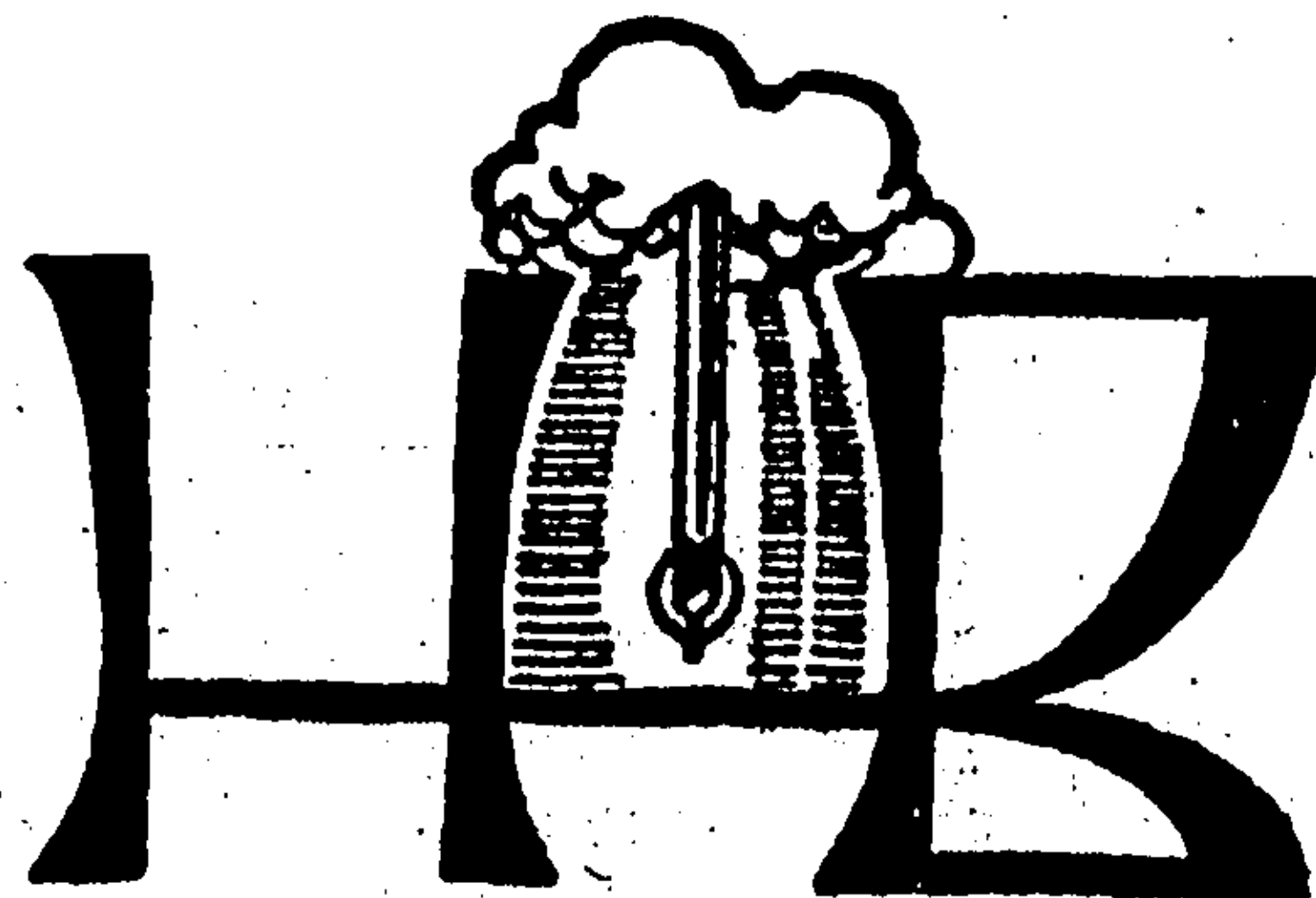
LORD HALIFAX DESCRIBED THEIR VIEW OF THE SITUATION AS "BALANCED" RATHER THAN OPTIMISTIC.

Discussing British shipping losses, Lord Halifax said that he had official figures for February showing German sinking claims were "almost exactly three times in excess of the truth." — *Reuter*.

GERMAN PACIFIST DEAD

The famous German pacifist leader, Dr. Quidde, died in Geneva at the age of 83 yesterday. He left Germany when the Nazis came to power.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H. B.—



-AND THEN TRY!

Official Silence On Wavell Triumphs In Libya Broken

HEINKEL DOWN IN NORTH SEA

A Heinkel III, which attacked a convoy in the North Sea yesterday morning, was shot down in flames by the British warship Guillemot.

No British damage or casualties were sustained.—Reuter.

ITALIAN GUNS PUT OUT OF ACTION

SEVERAL ITALIAN BATTERIES WERE PUT OUT OF ACTION DURING EFFECTIVE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY WHICH LASTED THROUGHOUT THURSDAY, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GREEK SPOKESMAN IN ATHENS YESTERDAY.

He added that artillery caused considerable damage to enemy positions.—Reuter.

Selected Officers Report On British Blitz Success

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

SELECTED OFFICERS ARE BEING CALLED BACK TO LONDON, FRESH FROM THE TRIUMPHS IN AFRICA, TO REPORT ON THE PERFECTION OF BRITAIN'S NEW BLITZKRIEG WARFARE IN READINESS FOR COMPLETING PLANS FOR WHAT THE WAR MINISTER HAS DESCRIBED AS GREATER STRUGGLES WITH BRITAIN'S PRINCIPAL ENEMY — GERMANY.

Among the first to return are light and heavy tank officers. They are the bearers of official despatches describing how the whole Italian army in eastern Libya was shattered.

The accounts these two officers gave yesterday carefully refrained from giving away any new military secrets but they painted graphic pictures of the final spurt across half Cyrenaica, led by light tanks with cruisers in support, to cut off the last of Graziani's mechanised forces.

A light tank officer, among the first to meet Italian resistance at every point, made interesting observations about Italian morale and general fighting efficiency.

He said: "They fought a great deal better than many people think. Their gunners were very brave and usually died by their guns."

"So also were the tank crews opposing us in the last desperate effort to break through south of Benghazi."

Had No Chance

Many of the Italian army, however, were infantry armed with rifles and had no chance against charging tanks.

THE GERMAN INFANTRY IN FRANCE, FACED WITH SIMILAR BRITISH OPPOSITION, ALSO RAN, AND "WOULD DO SO AGAIN."

He described the Italian light tanks as "the most appalling fighting vehicles I have ever seen."

Lightly armed and with two machine-guns forward, which could only traverse 30 degrees, they were thinly armoured.

Relying too much on their air force to give them information, the Italian army was badly let down, and consequently the British nearly always effected a tactical surprise and thereby more than half won battles before they commenced.

Bad Feeling

Graziani was also let down by his Black Shirt divisions. They were not half as good as the Italian regulars.

The officer declared: "There seemed to be very bad feeling between regulars and Black Shirts. It was a case of politics spoiling military efficiency."

"I heard a senior officer say that politics dictated Italian strategy in moving into Egypt at Mussolini's orders, which was unsound because the army was insufficiently equipped."

The Libyan troops who fought at Sidi Barrani were never seen again. It was the officer's impression that they took off their uniforms and "went Bedouin again."

THERE WAS VERY LITTLE HATRED BETWEEN THE OPPOSING ARMIES. THE BRITISH, AT THE CLOSE OF AN ACTION, WOULD GET DOWN FROM THEIR TANKS AND HAND CIGARETTES TO ITALIANS WHO HAD SURRENDERED. THE ITALIANS OFTEN SHOWED CHIVALRY TOO.

Italian Air Failure

British tanks successfully practised dispersal on the move to foil air attacks. Bombing attacks against them failed because the

attacks were made from a high level.

Not until the British were between Tobruk and Benghazi did enemy pilots try dive-bombing.

The British officers gave as reasons for the smallness of British casualties the mechanised character of the warfare, in which "casualties are less," and that the British never undertook an operation without careful preparation and minute reconnaissance, both aerial and ground.—Reuter.

A.R.P. MEASURES IN ASSAM

As a precaution against possible enemy air attacks elaborate measures have been adopted all over Assam, particularly in protected areas in the Dibugarh district.—Reuter.

MARKING TIME IN BULGARIA

Some time must elapse before the German troops in Bulgaria have taken up positions "for securing peace in the Balkans and the beginning of war measures against Greece," according to Wilhelmstrasse officials, quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The officials declare: "When, where and how this last-named disturbing factor will be reduced is for Germany to decide."

The correspondent says the Wilhelmstrasse considers Mr. Eden's proposals to Athens are exceedingly dangerous.

Officials in Berlin, according to the correspondent, are extremely reserved concerning Marshal Petain's regime and believe that there are special reasons for General Weygand's visit to Vichy. They think that it may be connected with the situation in Syria.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO GERMANS

ANOTHER EXHORTATION TO GERMAN PEOPLE TO GO TO SHELTERS AS SOON AS THE SIRENS ARE SOUNDED, WAS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT BY GENERAL MILCH, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE LUFTWAFFE.

The German people, he said, will not swerve even if things go hard and they look with the fullest confidence to their leaders.—Reuter.

RESERVOIR OF UNEMPLOYED NOW EXHAUSTED

Britain's available reservoir of unemployed men is now almost exhausted. This is the opinion drawn by the Minister of Labour from the latest figures of unemployment.

While the total number of unemployed men, boys, women, and girls on February 10 was 580,849, representing a reduction of 114,757 since January 10, it is pointed out that these figures include a large number of persons temporarily stopped while changing jobs, casual workers, a large number of elderly workers and those classified as unsuitable for ordinary employment.

Thus, further industrial expansion will involve tapping new sources by transfer from non-essential industries and a great employment of women. The increase in the number of women at work is indicated by the fact that while the register of wholly unemployed women only decreased by 1,863, actually 10,893 were placed in work.

These figures exclude very large numbers entering industry direct without registering at exchanges.—Reuter.

HIT & RUN RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Single enemy aircraft were active yesterday in various parts of England.

Bombs were dropped at one point in north-east Scotland, with little effect, but a number of persons were killed and others injured in the Midlands, where some buildings were damaged.

Incidents, says the Air Ministry, were reported from several other areas, especially along the East Coast, but damage was nowhere serious and casualties very few.—Reuter.

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How the repeated mining of the Kiel Canal by the Royal Air Force seriously embarrassed the movements of German naval and mercantile craft, is told by the Air Ministry News Service in a brief account of the activities of the Royal Air Force in laying sea mines.

The first admission of damage in the Canal was made in a foreign broadcast on July 29, 1940, when it was stated that the Canal had been so badly hit that ships could pass it only with great difficulty and long delays.

These difficulties persisted in August and September and in November the mining of a ship in the Canal made navigation even slower and more complicated.

IN DECEMBER A SHIP LADEN WITH IRON ORE WAS SUNK IN THE CANAL, DAMAGING THE CANAL BOTTOM AND CAUSING THE EMBANKMENT TO COLLAPSE.

Throughout this period, even when the Canal was not completely blocked, it has been open to passage only by the smallest ships.

The Kiel Canal is only one field of Royal Air Force minelaying which extended from Norway to the Mediterranean with outstanding success, indicated by the fact that in less than 10 per cent. of the total minelaying laid by the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm, well over 100 enemy supply ships are known to have been destroyed. — Reuter.

THE BRITISH FORCES WHO IN THREE WEEKS HAVE CLEARED ITALIAN SOMALILAND UP TO THE RIVER SHIBELI AND HAVE CROSSED INTO ABYSSINIA, ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF AN AREA EQUAL TO THE WHOLE OF THE BRITISH ISLES.

In their hurricane advance they have occupied more than 100,000 square miles and accounted for 21,000 soldiers in dead or captured, of whom many were Europeans.

Apart from the air, there is at present no contact between the British forces and the retreating Italian columns.

Meanwhile, the British forces in Italian Somaliland are steadily progressing along the main road leading from Mogadiscio to Jijiga, in Abyssinia.

This was announced in a communiqué from British Headquarters in Cairo yesterday, it being added that operations in other areas in Italian Somaliland continue to develop to our advantage.

Concerning operations further north in Abyssinia the communiqué states that British patrols on the Gondar road are now east of Aminia.

Patriot Forces' Success

Abyssinian patriot forces, operating against the Italian garrison withdrawing from Burye, captured 300 prisoners and four field guns and shot down one Italian aircraft.

In addition, 1700 deserters from the Italian side have entered the British lines.

From Libya and Eritrea there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

MAN. LIFE REPORT

The annual report of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company shows Insurance in Force of £124,227,092. New Insurance amounted to £10,340,033. Income from all sources was £7,225,140 and Assets increased by £2,510,120 to £39,055,141. After making provision for all liabilities, £213,741 was added to the surplus accounts, the Contingency Reserve and Surplus amounting to £1,729,835.

The favourable mortality experience of recent years continued in 1940. Death claims paid totalled £884,067, dividends to policyholders amounted to £430,399 and

ROME REJECTS POSSIBILITY OF ARMISTICE

The possibility of an armistice between Italy and Greece was emphatically rejected in a statement issued last night by the official Italian news agency.

It added: "The differences between Italy and Greece will be decided by arms and Greece will pay the price of acts committed against Italy." — Reuter.

RUMOURS FLOODING BELGRADE

An official statement in Belgrade, that the Yugoslavian Government will always have in view the supreme interests of the state and its independence and integrity, has been greeted with relief in the capital which is seething with rumours.

Indications are that Yugoslavia, which is very unwilling to sign the Tri-Partite Pact, may shortly be asked to sign a separate declaration of friendship with the Axis and the Soviet.

According to an entirely unconfirmed report Yugoslavia is being asked to mediate between Greece and Italy.

THE TERMS ARE ALLEGED TO INCLUDE THE RENUNCIATION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS BY ITALY BUT GREECE WOULD BE ASKED TO CEDE BASES IN SALONIKA AND PATRAS TO GERMANY.

The opposition leaders are reported to be preparing a statement demanding a full explanation of the situation.

Meanwhile the calling up of classes, ostensibly for the Spring manoeuvres, continues, with the main bulk, probably not exceeding 500,000, being stationed in the north. — Reuter.

SMUTS CONFERS IN CAIRO WITH MR. EDEN

GENERAL SMUTS, the South African Premier, arrived in Cairo on Thursday and left again yesterday morning. During his brief stay he had talks with Mr. Anthony Eden, General Sir John Dill and General Sir Archibald Wavell.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, the South African Chief of Staff.

It is understood General Smuts received from Mr. Eden, and General Dill a direct account of their diplomatic and military talks in Ankara and Athens.

General Smuts also received a first-hand account of the Libyan victories from General Wavell and other African commanders.

The visit is regarded in British and South African circles as an example of the close co-operation prevailing between Britain and the Dominions. Following so closely on the

Australian Premier's visit while en route to Britain, it is also regarded as evidence of the freedom and facility of inter-Imperial communications.

General Smuts was the British Ambassador's guest at the Cairo Embassy during his stay. — Reuter.

"DEVELOPMENTS" LOOM IN NORWAY

Important developments are expected to occur in Norway this month, according to an official Italian news agency despatch from Stockholm which says that all outstanding questions between the occupation authorities and the Norwegian Nazi Party will be settled and it is believed that a new government will be formed with Quisling as Prime Minister. — Reuter.

NEW AMBULANCES

Six fully-equipped ambulances, for the use of Indian and British troops overseas, have been presented to the military authorities in Madras.

This brings the total ambulances from the Madras Ambulance Fund since July to 44. — Reuter.

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GERMANS "HAD NO CHANCE" IN LOFOTEN SURPRISE

THE BRITISH ROUND-UP in the Lofoten Islands took less than an hour, it was revealed in London yesterday.

Speaking in broken English, a young German among those captured in the raid told a Reuter reporter at a northern railway station last night that none of them was able to offer any resistance to the landing force.

"Your sailors just surrounded us and we could not do anything. It was all over in 30 or 40 minutes," he added.

The ten Quislings (Norwegian Fastests) appeared to be in despondent mood, in contrast to the cheerfulness of the Germans.

The Norwegian forces which participated in the raid on Lofoten Island consisted of naval ratings who had been trained for land fighting and formed part of the Norwegian Expeditionary Force being trained in Britain, according to a Norwegian Government official in London yesterday.

Volunteers Line Up

When the ships arrived off the island, powerful loud-speakers broadcast messages to the local population, telling them their friends were at hand and suggesting the crews would be willing to take aboard any volunteers who would like to come to Britain and join the Norwegian Free Forces.

Hundreds of young men immediately lined up on shore. They went home, got their best clothes and packed up all they wanted to bring away with them.

Among the patriots, who numbered more than 500, there were very few married men. Most of the younger men wanted to join the R.A.F. — Reuter.

VICTIMS 'IGNORED' — VICAR

"The way the corporation treat some of these air raid victims is scandalous. Women come to me sodden with the wet and ill with the cold crying to me to get a home for them and their children."

The Rev. F. J. Wright, vicar of St. Mark's, Erdington, Birmingham, said this when he alleged that some of the victims are now compelled to spend most of their lives in Anderson shelters because they have no home.

"There are streets of homes that have been damaged by bombs in which piles of furniture are going to ruin because householders cannot get the corporation to move it," he declared.

"Many people are living in their bombed houses with the sky as their roof. Their homes were bombed weeks ago and the authorities pushed them from pillar to post."

"Several have told me they cannot even get their billeting money. Women with families are going round the streets begging housewives to take them and their children in."

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"TIN HATS FOR SHRAPNEL" HOAX

For weeks past A.R.P. workers in the Control Office at Bromley, Kent, have been puzzled by a procession of small boys who have produced sacks of shrapnel and demanded tin hats in exchange for their booty.

Questioned, each stated that they had heard they would be given a tin hat if they collected sufficient shrapnel. But none of them could give any information as to the source of the story.

"It seems as though someone has been playing a rather cruel hoax on the kids," an A.R.P. official said.

The persistence of the rumour can be gauged from the fact that it was told to a reporter in Salisbury, a hundred miles away. The A.R.P. official added:

"Of course, it would be ridiculous to give away tin hats when there aren't enough to go round for the defence services and the Army."

"But if the salvage folk were at all enterprising they could organise a whole army of small boys up and down the country to collect scrap."

UNDERGRADS IN FRONT LINE 'VAC'

ANXIOUS TO HELP in front-line war work, fifty Cambridge medical students have volunteered for duty as stretcher bearers at a Camberwell, London, S.E., Stretcher Party depot during their vacation.

Working in relays of ten at a time, the undergraduates are each doing a full week's stretch of duty over a period of five weeks, relieving the full-time volunteers and enabling them to have a well-earned holiday.

"There's nothing in what we're doing, really," Desmond Pond, twenty-one-year-old undergraduate of Clare College, told a reporter. "We fellows like to do a spot of useful, practical work during the 'vac,' and this seemed to be a job more worth while doing than any other."

"We'd hoped for a bit of honest-to-goodness first aid practice under war conditions. Unluckily from our point of view—though I don't suppose Londoners will share our view—our shift has had a quiet week."

"We've improved our card-playing no end during the hours of waiting. But we haven't seen a single casualty."

Mr. C. R. Mercer, the depot superintendent, thinks more highly of the students' work than they do themselves.

"They're a grand bunch of fellows," he said. "And though they may not have had as much front-line stuff as they'd like, their presence here on the spot has given members of my overworked regular staff their first real rest since the blitz started."

"They're no snobs, either. They take their turn on fatigue duty like old-timers. You should see how they stoke the boiler fire and scrub floors!"

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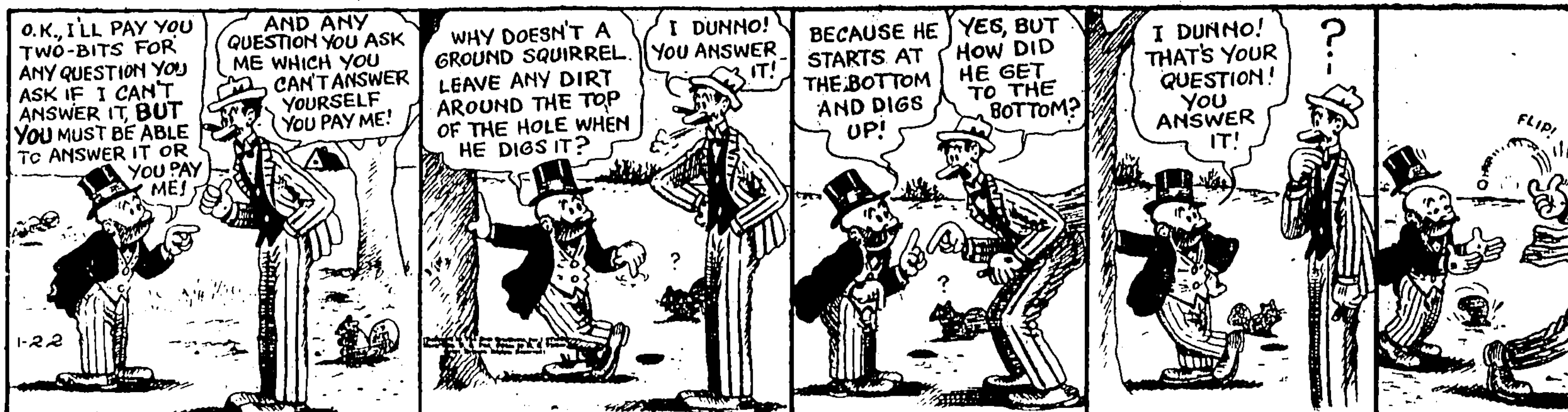
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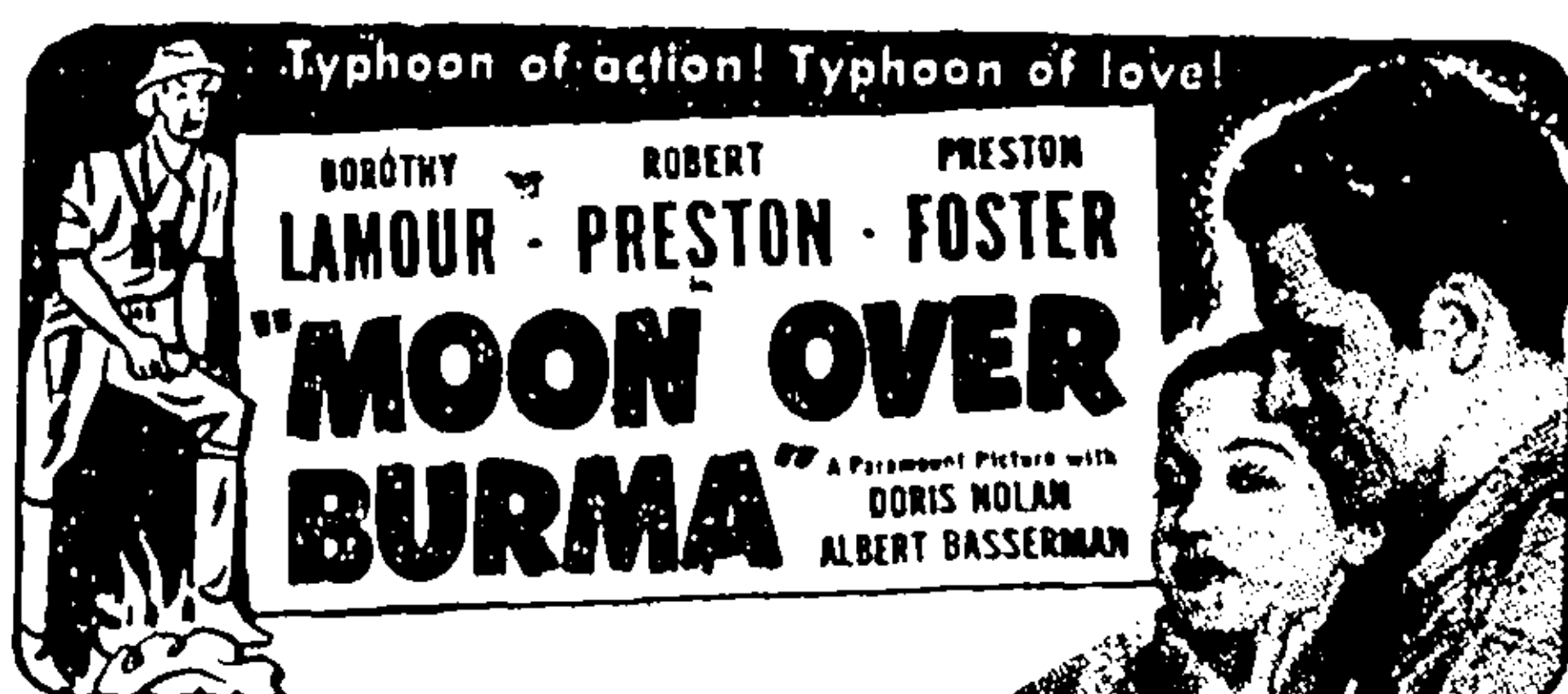


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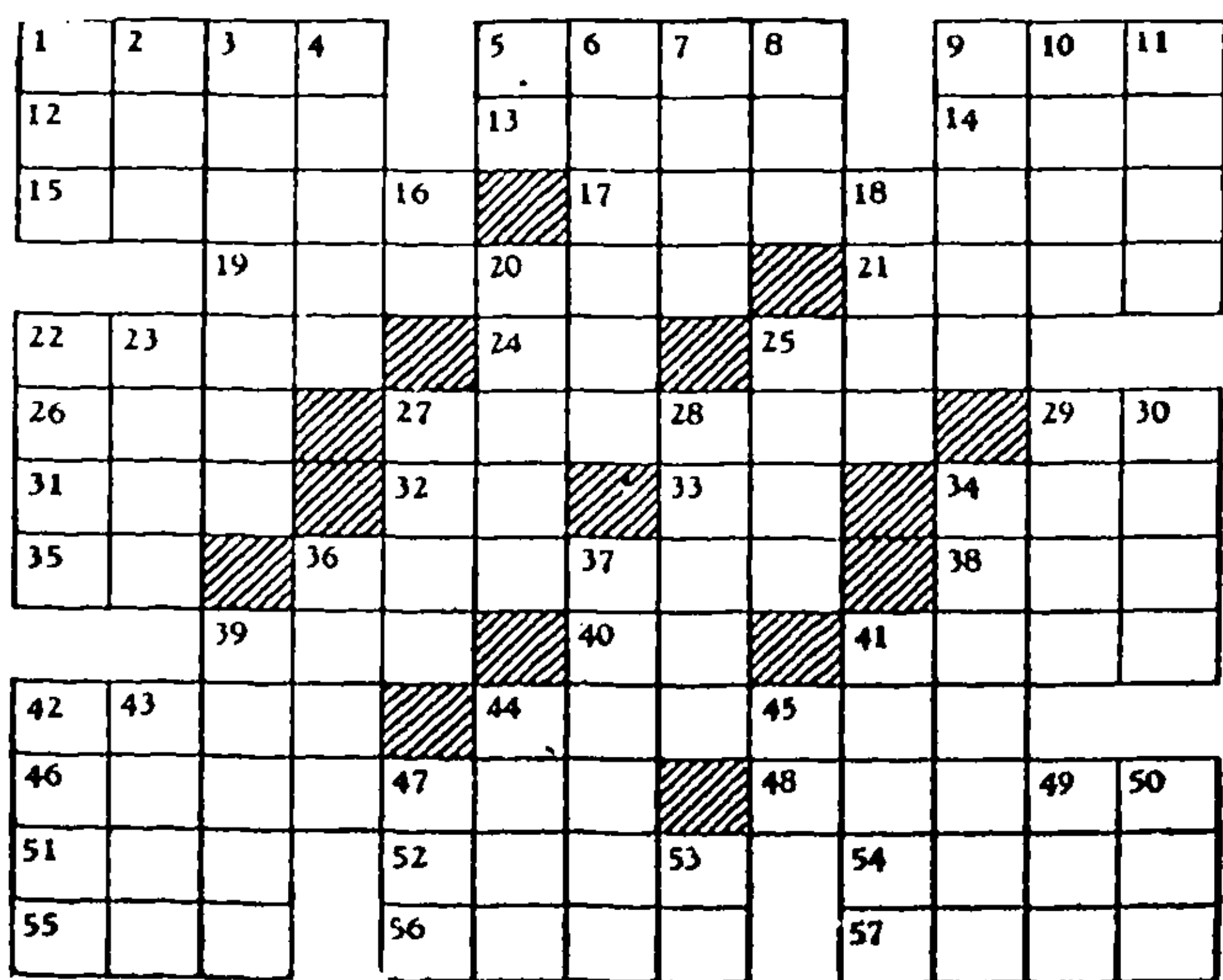


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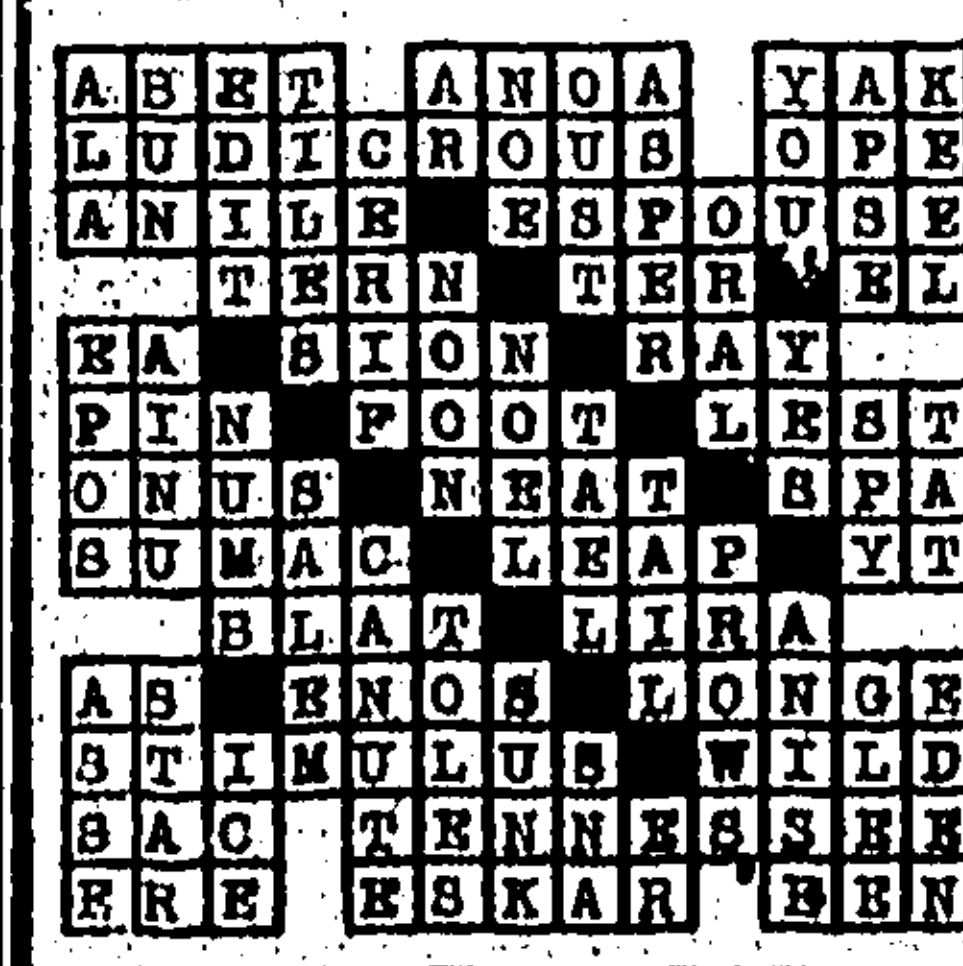
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DRIVE IN ANY BLITZ

Hell's chariot is how Liverpool, recently attacked for the reluctance of taxi-drivers to venture out in night Alerts, describes a firm which specialises in "bomb fares."

Nineteen men drivers, with their odd assortment of tin-hats, take their turns at night duty. It is their boast that they have never yet refused a bona-fide fare.

"We draw the line at risking our necks for pub-crawlers and joy-riders," they told a reporter. "but when a call is from a Serviceman on leave, a sailor who has to return to his ship, or just a businessman or housewife anxious to get home through the blitz we go."

The men get £3 a week for night duty plus tips, and nobody admires them more than the two women drivers who work with them in day-time.

The owner Mr. D. L. Steiner, said: "I make it clear that I want no finks in my firm and explain what they have to do before my men join me."

"A Grand Bunch"

"They are a grand bunch, and I have not had one case of crying off a tough job. The normal single fare is charged for all-night calls."

In their last bulletin Liverpool Council of Social Service attacked the conduct of taxi-drivers who charged Servicemen and officers double fares during night alerts and sometimes appeared reluctant to venture out even when there was no gunfire.

G-MEN DRAW AND SHOOT IN SECOND

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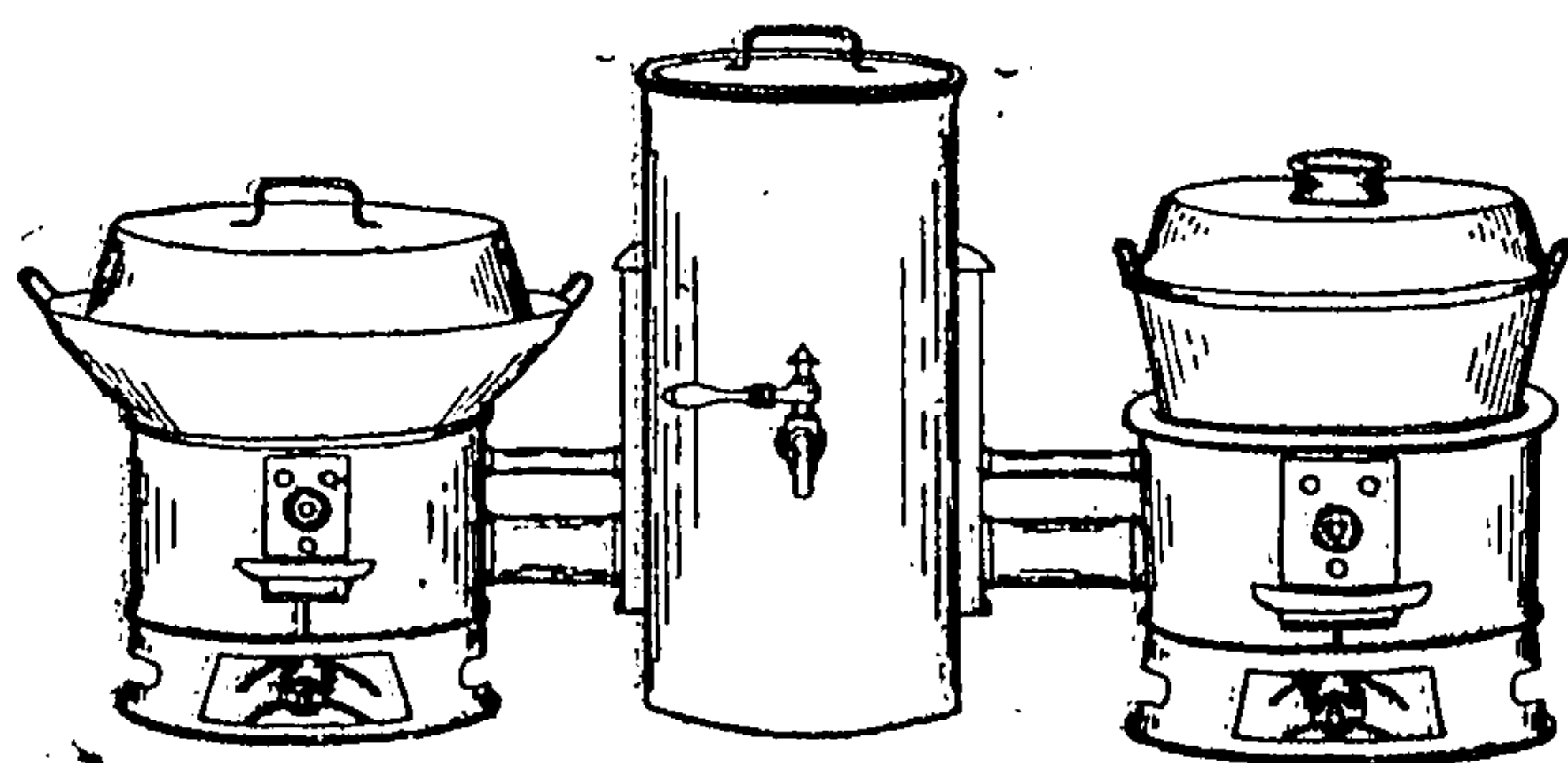
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'PULP THEM, BOYS,' YELL GREEKS

FROM DAVID WALKER
(With the Greek Army in Albania)

HEAVY RAIN in some sectors, and deep snow in others, have failed to dampen the high spirits of the advancing Greek Army. The gay courage of these soldiers has to be seen to be believed. One regiment was marching to a tune played on a portable gramophone carried by a comrade at their head. He was wounded, but the gramophone quickly changed hands.

The fierce rain is adding to the confusion behind the Italian lines, which is now so great that the Greek official spokesman stated that details of the Greek advance are not likely to be given for a few days in case the information should aid the enemy.

Evzones, in the Pindus sector, are now yelling "Pulp them, boys," and are rushing into the fray in a manner that strikes terror into the hearts of the fleeing Italians.

Athens has been further excited by the news from Egypt.

A well-known Greek woman astrologer says she has seen Mussolini, one-armed, with a wound over his heart which will prove fatal in either forty days or four months, with revolution and end of the dictatorship and glory for Greece early in 1941.

A popular toy in Athens is a model of Mussolini, in harness, pulling a chariot in which the Negus is returning in triumph to Abyssinia.

The possibility of using thousands of Italian prisoners to work on the roads is now under consideration. They would receive regular pay on a daily basis.

A British United Press message says that more attacks have been made by the R.A.F. on the important Albanian port of Valona.

Lose Last 'Dromes

According to figures issued in Rome, Italian Army, Navy and Air Force casualties last month in the fighting against the Greeks and in Africa totalled 4,405.

Of this figure, it is declared, 987 men were killed, 2,368 wounded, and 1,050 posted as missing.

Details of the losses in the two theatres of war are given as: In the Greek fighting 3,436 (killed 780, wounded 1,917, missing 739); in Africa, 969 (killed 207, wounded 451, missing 311).

The torrential rains which have fallen in the last few days, plus the bombing raids by British and Greek aircraft, have rendered unusable the Italians' last remaining aerodromes in Albania—those at Durazzo and Tirana, says an Exchange message.

Brandy flasks containing opium have been found on Italian prisoners. The drug was given to soldiers before going into battle so that they would not be conscious of danger.

ITALIANS TOLD OF GERMAN HARDSHIPS

Italian correspondents in Germany are given facilities for describing conditions there, but some of their despatches are hardly likely to win enthusiasm for the Reich.

Italian girls must imagine themselves in some sort of paradise after reading in the newspaper "Popolo di Roma" recently how a fraulein disposed of her year's 150 clothes ration card points in three hours and had very little to show for them.

The article assured readers that "in Germany not a single thing may be bought without the appropriate documents." The writer went shopping with a woman friend and saw 75 of the 150 points spent on three articles only. These were a woollen dress, 40, a petticoat, 20, and a blouse, 15.

Small articles such as stockings and handkerchiefs such as stockings and handkerchiefs brought the points total to within 14 of maximum. As these were not sufficient for pyjamas she borrowed some points from a friend.

Stockings Must Last

Only six pairs of stockings a year are permitted.

The Italian's woman friend still wanted an overcoat. She could get it only by depositing her old one with a committee to grant the necessary bonus points.

A person who needs an overcoat and has neither points nor old coat must apply to the police who, if they are suspicious, make a house inspection.

"A very simple thing — that is, simple in Germany," comments the "Popolo di Roma's" correspondent.

Every person in Germany may have two pairs of shoes. If he possesses more he must give up one to acquire a new pair. This operation may be carried out only once a year.

Hats may be bought without a ration card. "The police have not yet poked their noses into this branch of feminine elegance," the correspondent comments.

UNFAIR TO SOLDIERS' WIVES

Excessive charges have to be paid by wives of both officers and men who wish to live near their husbands' regiments, according to Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, M.P. for Portsmouth South.

He is to ask the Secretary for War what steps are being taken to meet the situation.

THE IRON WOMAN

A woman who, ostrich-like, swallowed "enough objects to stock an ironmonger's counter," has been successfully operated upon by a Kieff surgeon, states Moscow radio.

Articles recovered in the operation were: Nails from one to three inches long, embroidery needles, broken razor blades, twenty-four steel pins, twenty pieces of twisted wire, ten sewing needles and safety pins. Total weight of the articles was more than 1 lb.

The woman is doing well.—Reuter.

DANCER WED, FLED GERMANS

(By a Special Correspondent)

Miss Trixie Gardner, twenty-six-year-old English girl who formerly taught dancing in Wembley, Middlesex, has organised in Lisbon a "Thanks to Portugal" concert in gratitude for the help so many refugees have received in their flight from the Hun.

Trixie and her Yugoslav fiancé were doing a song-and-dance act in Belgium when the German Army smashed its way through.

They were married in German-occupied Antwerp and spent their honeymoon in a cellar during a bombardment by the R.A.F.

Parachutists

Because of the bridegroom's neutral passport they were able to get out of Belgium, and they made their way through France to Portugal, though on the way they were arrested as parachutists, bombed and machine-gunned.

Like most of the refugees to whom Portugal has stretched out a helping hand, they had little money. But with other artists from all over Europe they decided to repay hospitality with a "Thanks to Portugal" concert in aid of the poor of the country.

A Viennese Opera singer, a Paris radio star, a South African ballerina were among the eighteen artists who entertained.

And a special cheer went to a famous French tenor who on his flight to safety, had given his blood to help save the lives of English and French sailors in Marseilles who had been wounded.

YOUNG MOTHER REPRIEVED

Sentenced to death at Leeds Assizes last month for the murder of her four-and-a-half-year-old illegitimate child, Elsie Dyson, twenty-four, a Huddersfield mill worker has been reprieved.

The jury strongly recommended Dyson to mercy.

In a statement to the police she said she made up her mind "to jump into the canal so that Pauline should not suffer as I had done."

MURDER CHARGED FAILS

Miss Mabel Victoria Atchill was found not guilty at Hants Assizes at Winchester of murdering a sixty-one-year-old Isle of Wight farmer, Frank Cave. She was discharged.

THE VANISHING GIRL

Twelve years ago Dorothy Neuman, aged eleven, left her home at Union City, New Jersey, to buy a bottle of medicine.

Now Dorothy, aged twenty-three, has returned home—but she'd forgotten to buy the medicine.

During her absence—while she grew into attractive womanhood—police all over the country were trying to find her.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Neuman, believed she'd been slain by kidnappers.

Dorothy return home, loaded with gifts.

"Where have you been?" gasped her mother.

"I've been in New York, half an hour's journey away," replied Dorothy.

Late that night Dorothy, resolutely refusing to give the slightest clue to what had happened during her eleven year absence, suddenly put on her hat and coat, kissed her parents and dashed from the house.

"I'll return on my twenty-fourth birthday," she cried.

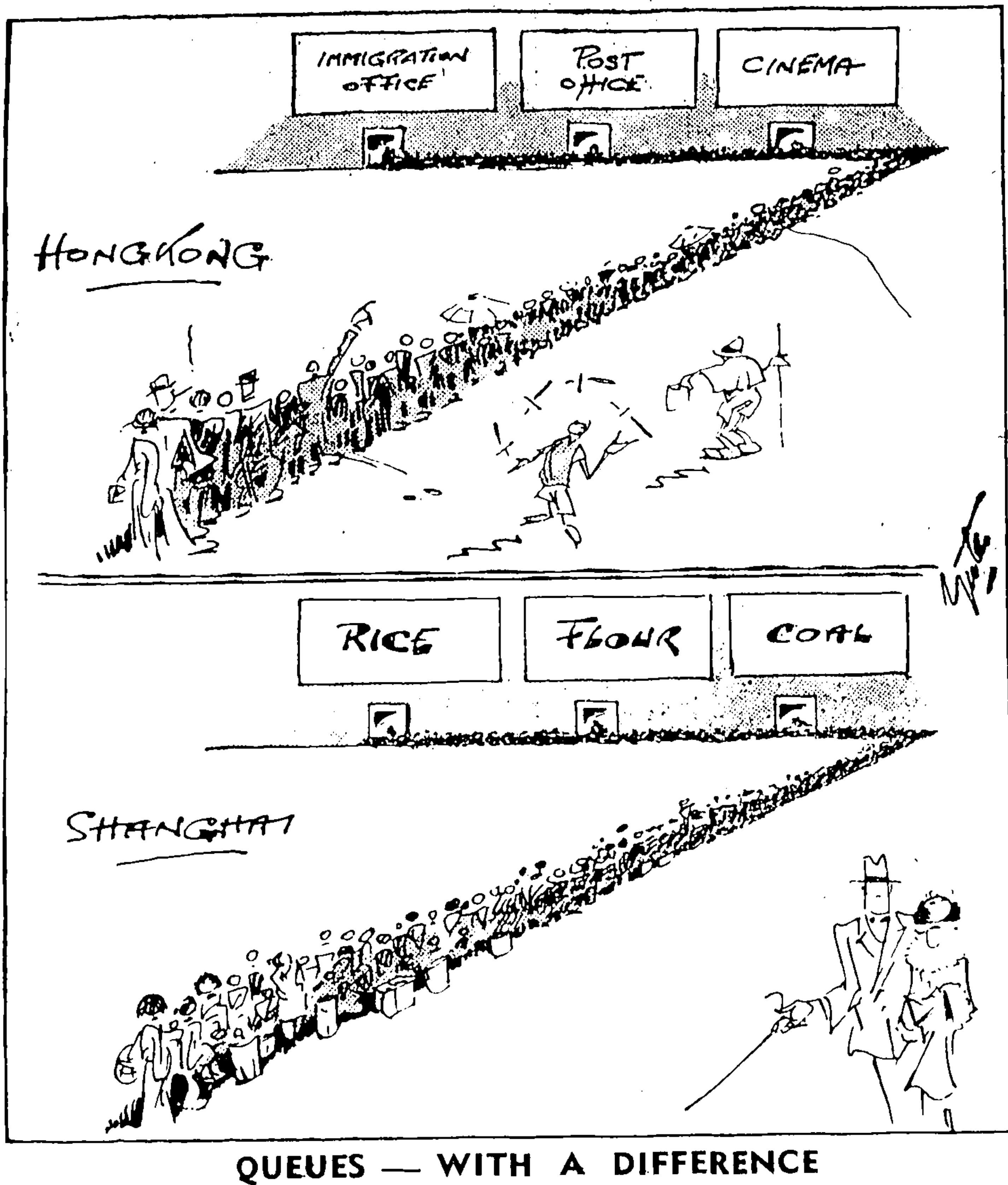
Her parents chased her through the dark streets, but she vanished. The police publicly demanded that Dorothy should re-appear to explain her fantastic eleven years' disappearance that caused them so much worry and expense.

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DOES IT CREAK?

A critic of democracy has complained that Britain's parliamentary machinery is to-day tardy, dilatory and inefficient. It creaks. It delays. It needs drastic reform. He said this in a broadcast discussion and added that one could now say these things in Free England without being called a Bolshevik or a Fascist. The reason was that in the common suffering of the present war it was realised that everybody was after the common good and should be allowed to express his own views on how it could be attained. He proceeded to argue that, if Britain was to survive as a great economic power after the war, it might be necessary for the British people to accept "more discipline from the centre" and to sacrifice certain small liberties of conduct so that they could be sure of the greater freedom of protection from attack.

The answer given in the broadcast debate was that there must be a limit to the sacrifice of personal liberties. All Britons might reasonably be expected to give more of their time to the active service of the nation. They must be prepared to give up more of their property rights and endure higher taxation in the interest of the community. They must even give up the luxury of pestering their leaders with trivial questions in Parliament that would interfere with the supreme task of post-war reconstruction. But an emphatic "no" must be the answer to the question whether there should also be a surrender of the right of criticism and appeal against the decisions of the country's rulers in all vital matters. Blundering or unscrupulous leaders are best brought to account by public censure and exposure. Under an "efficient" dictatorship such leaders could only be removed by assassination. It is easy to say which way of life will ensure a more honest government. Efficiency is not everything.



QUEUES — WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Man With A Table

By
Ivor Brown

When people discuss the new world after the war (a recent and still popular habit, as our wars go by) one is apt to hear some harsh growling about the banks. Something, they say is coming to these dens of iniquity and fountains of our ruin. Those who flit into social reform with a butterfly and transient motion are usually most vehement about the sins of the dealers in credit; perhaps they are right. I have tried earnestly to

make my mind clear about credit and currency, but remain baffled. This I take to be a fairly general condition of ignorance, though the candour which proclaims it is not so common. We

Churchill Uses Vast Powers Warily

The chief difference between the powers Mr. Churchill holds and those President Roosevelt is seeking lies in the difference inherent in the British and American governmental systems. The powers Mr. Churchill wields are his to use only so long as he uses them in such a way as to please Parliament and people. That's why, among other reasons, the British people faced with a crisis in their affairs, so willingly and cheerfully gave up so many of their vital rights, and it goes far toward explaining the paradox of why this country remains a free democracy although led by a man with all the powers of the dictators of totalitarian States.

Under laws already enacted persons and property of all subjects of the Crown in these islands are at the disposal of the government. A man's home technically is no longer his castle. The government, if it wishes, can order him to take in those whose own houses have been razed by German bombs or fires. Even trial by jury can be suspended under certain circumstances and there are men in prison now under the Defence Act against whom no specific charge has been filed.

Yet it is doubtful if there has been a single serious instance of suppression of vital civil rights. While blanket powers already have been granted to the Churchill government, the tendency is for Ministers seeking to impose drastic regulations affecting individual liberties to seek specific authorisation from Parliament. There is less likely to be public outcry against laws which have been debated and argued in the

Commons than against those handed down by a single Minister through an Order in Council.

Even in peacetime a British Prime Minister exercises greater power over foreign affairs than an American President. However, a

By Raymond Daniell

limitation of powers exists if a British Government's foreign policy is disapproved by a majority or even a strong minority, the Prime Minister may be forced to resign for lack of confidence of the House.

The war has brought a vast increase in the government's domestic powers with hardly any appreciable change in powers to deal with foreign affairs.

President Roosevelt once compared himself to a quarterback, calling signals. Mr. Churchill is quarterback and captain of the team as well. There are many Ministers in his Cabinet but it is he who has the final word on all matters of major policy whether they have to do with improving conditions of life in the shelters or sending an expeditionary force against the Italians in Libya. If the war is won or lost it will be his glory or his reproach, for while Parliament has power to oust him from office it is unlikely to do so for several reasons. One is that he knows the temper of his own people. He is not likely to go too far in using the powers they have given and can take away. Another, perhaps stronger, reason is that if Mr. Churchill went, there is no one in sight to take his place.

may sometimes wonder whether the operators of the financial machine do themselves fully understand their implement. To be self-confident, to look and speak impressively, and to possess a jargon carry you a long way in this world, to the top of many professions and possibly to a throne in Threadneedle Street.

If it indeed be true that the banker is so powerful a creature and is the privy tyrant of our public life, then the fellow has indeed come up in the world. To the ancient Greek his name was simple and explanatory: he was just the man with a table. When I visited Greece, a successor of this ancient "trapezite" would arrive on our ship in the mornings, set up his table, and change money. One such, I remember, promised to return with his table in the evening in order to change back any Greek money we had left over. The "trapezite" was not as good as his word: he had British money in his wallet and preferred to keep it and be rid of his Greek, which was more of a compliment to our currency than a convenience to ourselves. But he had great charm, like so many Greeks, this young man with the flying trapeze. One forgave him. But if he is now in the Army Pay Corps of the Greeks, we may trust the Evzones to keep an eye on him.

From the man with a table to the man with a throne (or at least with a power behind somebody else's) it has been a long journey. In our own country the march has been made demurely, as it were in elastic-sided boots with stout but silent soles. Mr. R. H. Mottram, himself the heir to an honourable stool in a family bank, has written beautifully of the august Victorian atmosphere in which this seemingly courtly profession was carried on. The banks have been called the Temples of Mammon by those who failed fully to realise the accuracy of the phrase. In the kind of bank that Mr. Mottram knew the youngster was soon made to understand that he was treading on holy ground and that in serving these tables he was serving Truth, Justice, and Probity as well as clients. The ledgers were sacred books, to be inscribed with the

sober ritual of a copper-plate hand.

Clients, of course, not customers. For banking is to us a profession, not a branch of trade. The man with a table has become the man with a status. The clerk of a bank is admitted to lawn tennis clubs from which he would be excluded were he only clerk of a commercial house.

The vagaries of British snobbery are numerous and very strange. Next door to the bank may be a chemist's shop, a fine, old-fashioned, gracious shop, with all the signs and appliances of a learned profession, the great carboys full of coloured water which proclaim the ancient craft of alchemy from the front window; inside, the walls are lined with the finely shaped jars for the drugs with handsome Roman lettering, gold and black. No stock-in-trade could be more dignified. The owner has passed examinations and has initials after his name. He may be very learned and quite as safe to consult as the average doctor. But he remains the man with a counter: he is a shopkeeper. He may not play lawn tennis—not, at least, with retired colonels in South Devon.

Yes, they may roar at the Master Bankers, the men at the top of the tables. Nearly a century and a half ago Thomas Jefferson proclaimed:

I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.

But how could we carry on our wars without this business of funding? Nineteen-fourteen may have swindled its sons by leaving them a vast debt, and 1939 will swindle its sons still farther by leaving them vast debts on two wars. But it was the war that made the debt, not the banker. He merely assisted at the loaning. Consider the bankers of your acquaintance. Do they seem to be engaged on a large-scale robbery? If they are, they do not know it. They may not believe quite so strictly as their Victorian predecessors that they are treading on a sacred floor, but they certainly would be surprised to learn that they are dwelling in a thieves' kitchen.

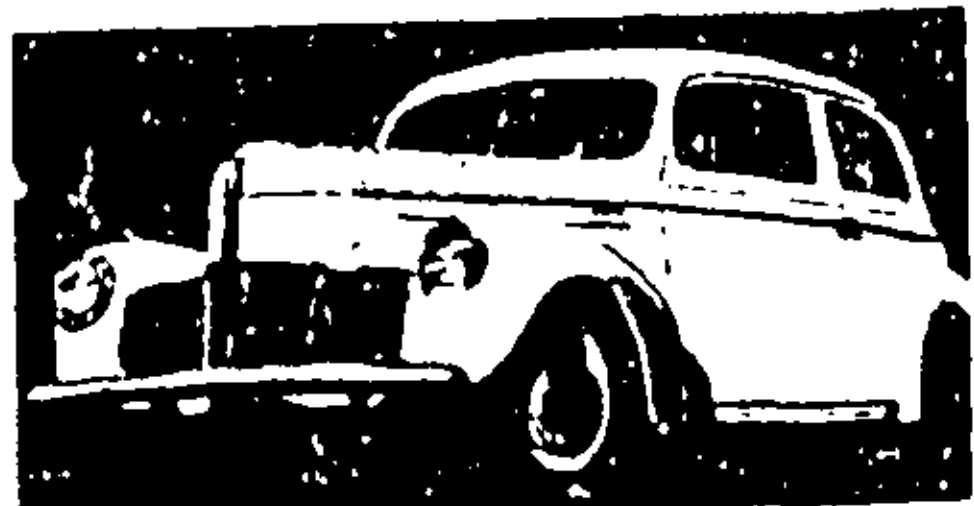
On the whole, they are merciful to our overdrafts. That is, if they know all about us and our address, who our parents, what our school. From the Radicals' point of view it is all, let us admit, regrettably cliquish. The cashing of our cheques is carried on in a general atmosphere of middle-class good manners. Hands and collars and conscience are all clean. The bank messengers in London are consequential fellows with severe uniforms and sometimes with top-hats, symbols of the system and noble ghosts of the Mottramite banking of last century. Shy folk may feel abashed by all this, like Stephen Leacock's Little Man who had no sooner opened a bank account than he used his first cheque to draw the money out and flee in terror.

The introduction of young women and type-writers and counting-machines has done much to shatter the pristine solemnity of the old Temples of Mammon. None the less, it is difficult to enter these places without seeming to be a person of some class and privilege, which is doubtless very wrong in a society supposed to be democratic, but must, none the less, be admitted to be flattering. What a difference of emotional tone accompanies the lodging or collection of money in a Post Office and the similar process in a bank! I can understand why Communists should hate these places: for them the man with a table is the man with a family tree, whence he cuts rods for the affliction of the proletariat.

Life's ironies are countless, and it may after all be true that the worthy bank manager, who keeps all our charity accounts for nothing, is warden of a church as well as of the air, plays goodish golf from a handicap of twelve, gives advice about everything, and is obviously a model citizen, is also the tool of a demonic and anti-social sovereign force. As was said, these are mysteries to most of us. Meanwhile the bank remains for me at once awesome and agreeable. The man with a table may have become a combine with a myriad counters, but his magic abides and he bestows confidence with cash. He and I exchange a piece of paper, and when I get money for a cheque I always instinctively feel that somehow I am getting the best of the bargain. Sometimes, no doubt, I am. But he discovers all. Are not the sad facts written, red and black, in the tables of the

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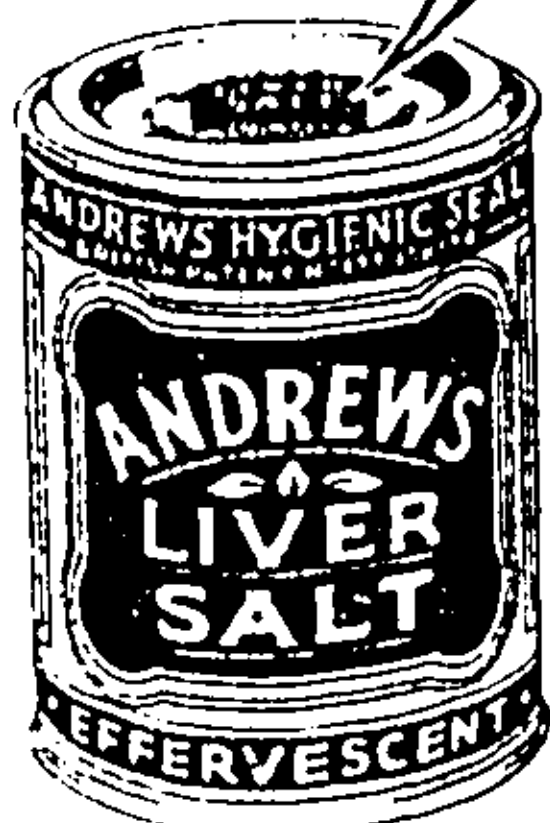
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IF SHE FIGHTS JAPAN

AMERICA CAN COUNT ON AID BY CHINA

GENERAL HO YING-CHIN, chief of staff of the Chinese armies and concurrently war minister of Free China, told the Associated Press correspondent in an exclusive interview in Chungking that "if Japan, by further acts of aggression, should force the United States to take up arms the United States can count on China as a loyal ally which will never give up the fight until Japan has been crushed."

The general asserted "China is a peace loving nation which for more than three and one-half years has been forced to defend herself against ruthless aggression."

He added China would regret to see the horrors of war brought to other peaceful nations but declared that a careful study of the political and military situations left no room for doubt that Japan would make a southward move while Great Britain is seriously engaged in Europe and the United States still was not fully prepared in a military sense. The general pointed out that Japan has concentrated military, naval and air strength in Formosa, at Hainan island and in the Canton area. He said that Japanese communication lines southward would be more convenient than those in China because they are water routes while the firing power of the southward troops may be stronger than in China because of re-equipment.

General Ho predicted that Japan first would seek to control Camranh Bay and that the Nippon army of occupation in the Saigon area would then push into Thailand (Siam) and gain use of Bangkok for military purposes. He added that the entire scheme of Japan's southward expansion was based upon control of these three areas, and that Japan would try by every means to get control of them.

Asked if the Chinese General Staff gave the British this information the general replied "The British ought to know already. We believe they are preparing."

The general said while no Sino-British plan of joint defence was under contemplation, anytime the British ask for military assistance in Burma they would get crack Chinese troops now ready for action along the Yunnan border. He added that upon request Chinese troops would be similarly prepared to give assistance if Malaya were attacked.

The Chief of Staff said Free China is now worried over the possibility of hostilities in the southern Pacific area halting the flow of American supplies to China. He pointed out that during the last three bitter years China has learned to depend upon herself and would continue the fight regardless of external developments.

General Ho said, "I am not at liberty to reveal whether China will launch a general counter-offensive when Japan moves southward. However, we are steadily preparing for counter-attacks in various sectors."

"He indicated China would welcome a Japanese drive in China simultaneously with any Nippon southward move.

"China Is United"

The general, heavily sunburned, revealed that he spent more than a month along the Yunnan border. He said the morale of the Chinese troops was excellent, while the terrain in that sector was "the best for defensive action that I have ever seen."

Questioned about internal conditions in China the general categorically denied all rumours of serious conflict.

He said, "I guarantee that civil war will not take place. Civil war is impossible."

He pointed out that the fighting strength of the communists was only three divisions against Free China's total of 300 divisions. He added "during the past month the Kuomintang-Communist situation has greatly improved. The communists are quiet because they realise they do not have a legitimate case. Some elements within the Red ranks have a national outlook and do not desire to

The general strongly denied that the Central government's recent strong stand against "military disobedience" had weakened Sino-Soviet relations. He added, "Soviet observers in China have continually expressed sympathy with the Central government."

The chief of staff concluded "China is united under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and faces the future with determination and optimism."

GIFT GUNS NEED BULLETS

Appeal to his fellow-countrymen to include at least fifty rounds of ammunition with each weapon they send to this country was made by an American business man broadcasting in the B.B.C. special transmission to North America.

He is Mr. R. W. Cotton, managing director of a west country firm. Speaking of the arrival of the first shipment of arms and ammunition given by the American committee to defend British homes, he said:

"As you are probably aware, the British people are undemonstrative and uneffusive. They are masters of under-statement.

"I feel that, as an American, I can say certain things a Britisher would not say.

"I can assure you that your gifts and the effort involved would be

REFUSED TO BOMB ENGLAND - THEY SHOT HIM

"They shot my brother last Monday for refusing to raid England."

This was said by the pilot of a German plane which came down on a farm in South-East England.

When the machine came down the farmer, armed with a revolver and a pitchfork, ran forward to capture the pilot.

The pilot halted, raised his hands, and exclaimed in excellent English, "That's all right. You want no revolver for me," and added the statement about his brother.

appreciated far more deeply than you can possibly conceive."

Mr. Cotton indicated that the gifts of rifles, revolvers and automatic pistols could be made even more effective if ammunition were sent as well, since in many cases the guns used cartridges of different gauge from those manufactured in this country.

He also suggested that the sender of each such gift should attach a label with his name and address, and he would in all probability receive a letter of personal thanks.

After inviting more Americans to send over binoculars or field-glasses, and explaining our roof-spotting system, Mr. Cotton said: "I have not been requested by the B.B.C. or any Government department to broadcast."

SCIENTIST'S SECRET IN AN ENVELOPE

DETAILS ABOUT the secret message which he left to prove his theories of life after death are given in the will of Sir Oliver Lodge, the famous spiritualist and scientist.

Sir Oliver, who asked that the coffin "be not too heavy, and that no one strain himself carrying it downstairs," left £27,899 gross, with net personalty £27,730.

He advised his children to be cautious about accepting bogus messages as authentic, but to be receptive of such genuine communications as have identifying points in them.

He asks them to consult with the Society for Psychic Research "about the treatment of my posthumous package deposited by me in their custody in May, 1930, the contents of which I say that certainly neither they nor anyone but myself knows anything, and yet which I hope to make clear and definite before the time arrives for the innermost envelopes in such package to be opened.

"I may need some reminder of it and some help by being told of the writing inscribed in intermediate envelopes contained in such package.

Asked For Time

"This is a possibility, as I do not know how I shall be occupied, and even if I remember I

may find it difficult to get it through or communicated in full detail, for it is an absurdity about which I have never spoken and that cannot be guessed."

Yet, he says, if given by him correctly and with definite precision it ought to be conclusive.

"But sufficient time must be allowed me, and I ought to be allowed an opportunity of expressing satisfaction with what is understood about it before the final envelope is opened.

"Let this be attended to with scrupulous care."

An official of the Psychic Research Society told a reporter that no date has yet been fixed for proceeding with Sir Oliver's instructions.

"The council's view is that Sir Oliver has not yet been given the 'sufficient time' for which he asks."

Sir Oliver died in August last. Probate of Sir Oliver's will, dated October 23, 1930, has been granted to his sons.

FOOD MINISTER TELLS WIVES TO GO ON STRIKE

IF HOUSEWIVES would go on strike when shops try to charge too much for articles and say, "We are sorry, we will not pay those prices," it would do more to control this kind of profiteering than anything the Government can do.

This advice was given by Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, speaking in London, referring to those "comparatively insignificant articles in which there is a shortage."

He gave an assurance there would be enough food and enough variety "to keep the people happy" this winter.

"We are dependent upon the women of this country for winning this war. Unless we can get our men fed they cannot make munitions and they cannot fight. The blitzkrieg has shown that we shall have to call upon everything that the women of this country can do to get us through the difficulties of this winter," he said.

"I have no doubt about whether we shall succeed. The response of the women has been magnificent. They are right in the front line ready to do everything that a soldier could do towards winning this war. It is an extraordinary thing, but not that at this period of our civilization we should have arrived at a stage when the front line of battle is occupied by women and children. But this is where we have come."

Lord Woolton defined the aims of the Ministry of Food.

The first aim was to ensure that as far as possible should know that there was any problem regarding food during wartime.

The next aim was that increases of prices in food, in so far as they occur, and they were bound to occur, should be regulated and controlled so that they did not throw more people into poverty or malnutrition than we could possibly help.

The third aim was to conduct Government control of these industries so as to leave them, when the war was over, able to carry on their job and none the worse for their association with the Government.

Milk From U.S.

He said there had been a turnover of £600,000,000 for food during the first twelve months of the war.

That covered an infinite variety of things, including a search of the U.S.A. for milk powder in case our transport should ever fail, so that babies

in small towns in this country could be assured of their essential food.

"I will tell you that we have secured, bought and paid for in many cases enough food to place us in a good position."

"We are in this war all together, and if it is important that some time we should have aeroplanes rather than bacon brought here, then we will have aeroplanes, and I will explain to the public why they are not having their bacon, and I think they will be satisfied."

SON LED TO KILLER

After being hunted by bombing aeroplanes and 1,200 men and women, forty-year-old killer Clyde Buchanan was shot dead in a gun battle near Middlesborough, Kentucky.

His nineteen-year-old desperate son, Clyde junior, who had been captured earlier, led sheriffs to Buchanan's hide-out in a mountain gully.

"Surrender," cried the sheriffs. Buchanan replied with revolver shots. Then, riddled with the sheriffs' bullets, Buchanan collapsed with the cry: "You will never get me."

Soon afterwards he died in Middlesborough Hospital, while the mob outside shrieked lynch threats.

Buchanan's son was rushed to a distant gaol to escape the mob.

The Buchanans were accused of killing a sheriff and wounding a police chief. When they fled into the mountains four planes tried to blast them from their hiding place with grenades. Unnerved by the bombardment Buchanan junior fled from the hide-out and surrendered.

WILL FREE DULL-WIT FASCISTS

Some minor officials of the British Union of Fascists are to be released from prison. This was announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, in the House of Commons.

Mr. Morrison said he concluded that many of the "Fascists" he had decided to release were "not of a high mental standard."

Mr. Morrison was answering questions about the detention of members of the British Union. He said there was no doubt that for the purpose of suppressing this potentially dangerous organisation, their detention was justified.

As regards the more responsible leaders of the Union, no question had arisen as to the necessity for their continued detention.

Low Mentality

But regarding minor officials, the Advisory Committee had informed him that many had protested that had the order banning the organisation been in existence at an earlier date they would have discontinued their connection with the Union.

"Moreover," added Mr. Morrison, "examination of individual cases show that many of these people have little understanding of the aims and policy of the Union, and sometimes their understanding of any subject is limited. (Laughter.)"

"Some of them appear to be dupes who were attracted to the Union for various reasons, but had no sympathy with its subversive aims or anti-war policy," he said.

"And the conclusion I have reached after examining many of these cases is that there are among them a number who can be safely released."

COLONIES NEED TRADE UNIONISTS

Experienced trade unionists, with an intimate knowledge of the movement in Britain, are being sought by the Colonial Office for appointments as Government labour officers in the Crown Colonies and Protectorates.

They are wanted to deal with native labour questions and to advise the native unions.

These appointments have been made for some time on an increasing scale, and it is the Government's intention to extend the system.

The Colonial Office has suggested to the T.U.C. that some trade unionists in Britain might be available to help.

Persons selected for the posts—they must be between twenty-eight and forty—will first undergo a few months' training at the Ministry of Labour after which they will be attached for first-hand colonial experience to one of the labour offices or departments in the colonies.

CHARGED FARE FOR GAS-MASK

BUS CONDUCTORS, ON ROUTES IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT NO PARCEL RATE CHARGE MUST BE MADE TO PASSENGERS CARRYING CHILDREN'S GAS RESPIRATORS, IF THE CHILD IS ALSO A PASSENGER.

Mr. W. Threlfall, secretary of the Stretford (Lancs) Information Committee, said: "I am glad to have the point settled. It was a question of principle because the Government have urged people to carry their respirators with them."

The question arose after a man carrying his child's respirator had been charged parcel rate fare for it.

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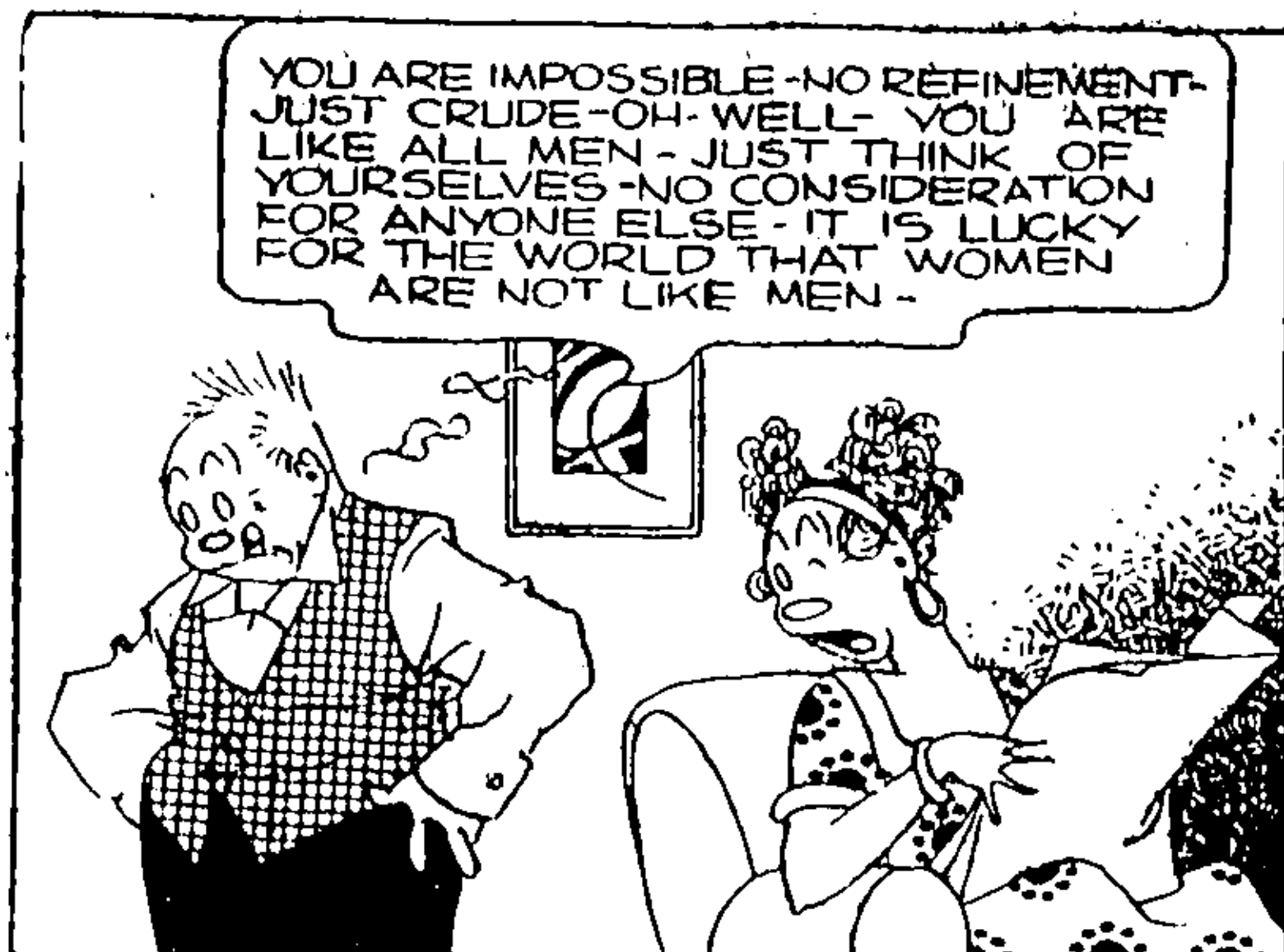
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Voluntary Weakling

As all are urged to face the facts of 1941 the woman who is voluntarily a weakling is unpatriotic. Women must be strong and inspirational in these days of preparation for defence. That is their duty, and if they shirk it they are failing their men who must give up a great deal to serve the country.

Being strong and fit and capable is desirable anyway, and a woman need not sacrifice her feminine heritage to be all these. Health is the foundation of a great many things in life—beauty, happiness, accomplishment, service and success. Health pays big dividends and foolish is the woman who does not strive to attain it and preserve it.

It is wonderful how quickly and eagerly our bodies and minds respond to good living. Sufficient rest and exercise, sensible food in sufficient quantity, a work programme, sunshine and some entertainment make living quite complete. Even the most beaten constitutionally rally back to health if treated to these.

Mind Aids Body

Too many are the women who like to gain their desires by feigning illness. A sympathetic relative or friend can be a great handicap! A woman who is not indulged (and who is not suffering from a definite ailment) will quickly stop her acting when she sees she is losing the affection of friends and family. Her mind will gradually adjust to a normal state and her body will grow healthy as her mind adjusts.

The woman who has enough to fill her days usually is a healthy, happy woman. But women who have no duties, or too many responsibilities are the ones who grow despondent and weak. When this happens they lose their beauty, for beauty is most dependent upon normal physical and mental health.

It doesn't hurt any one of us, men included, to take an hour and analyse our unhappiness, our loneliness, our illness or our weakness. Once we face the facts we should muster will power to correct the causes of our ailments whether they are imaginary or actual. Only through that way can we hope to grow strong and be happy and an inspiration to others.



This 'Dorothy Gray Wheel' could well be called a wheel-of-fortune for it helps condition tired bodies.

Being lethargic is a self-inflicted disease. One good way to conquer it is to wake up the body through diligent regular exercise. The first efforts will be anything

but satisfactory, but if one persists, a desire to be active will grow and one will look forward to the exercise period each day. Proper exercise of the body creates a desire for food, food nourishes the body and mind, a nourished body and mind craves companionship and entertainment. Thus without effort one is led gently to a normal programme of living.

If you are numbered among the voluntary weaklings let me convince you that you are robbing yourself of the best of life. Resolve to try to know the joy of being strong and accomplished. If all other incentive has died let your country inspire you to attain good health, peace and freedom and plenty are rare in this disturbed world. Let's work to 'save them'!

beauty. A fine texture can only be acquired by constant care. Use patting for friction application—never rubbing.

Very convenient when travelling, a liquid cleanser. Take some cleansing tissues and you'll never be at a loss for a facial brush up.

Women who fight shy of make-up may have been frightened by friends who use it lavishly and badly. Secret is cleansing first, then a light application of foundation cream, wiped off with cleansing tissue, a touch of rouge, and finally a dusting of powder, applied evenly and dexterously. Extra care in the choice of pow-

Beauty A. B. C.

An oil shampoo keeps dry hair healthy.

Bath Eau-de-Cologne revives feet. Allays tenderness and makes them cool and fresh.

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Discriminating women use two shades of powder—one for daytime and the other for evening.

Exceptionally dry skins need a cream instead of dry rouge.

Face powder looks much darker in bulk than when applied. Test for correct shade by dusting a little on back of hand.

Greasy skin needs a liquid cleanser. Use a good astringent to tone it up and close pores.

Healthy hair is ensured by scalp massage, brushing and a suitable shampoo.

If your hands are rough and dry, massage with a good skin food at night, and wear light perforated gloves.

Juice of lemon taken in the morning improves the complexion. Applied to neck and arms it removes freckles and other blemishes and makes the skin soft and white.

Keep a good foundation lotion and nourishing is essential to

handy. Protects the skin against ravages of sun and wind.

Liquid bath essence should be used after a journey. Makes the bath extra refreshing, and soothes and cleanses the skin.

Make-up is much easier to achieve when the skin is thoroughly cleansed. Never powder over a greasy foundation. Clogs the pores and invites disfiguring specks and spots.

Nightly application of a good skin food relieves cracked lips.

Oatmeal makes an excellent water softener when you're on work which demands a lot of hand-washing.

Pads of lint soaked in a good skin tonic and placed over the eyes for a few minutes relieves that tired end-of-the-day feeling.

Quick way of correcting sagging muscles. Add a little astringent lotion to your cleansing cream and massage into the muscles.

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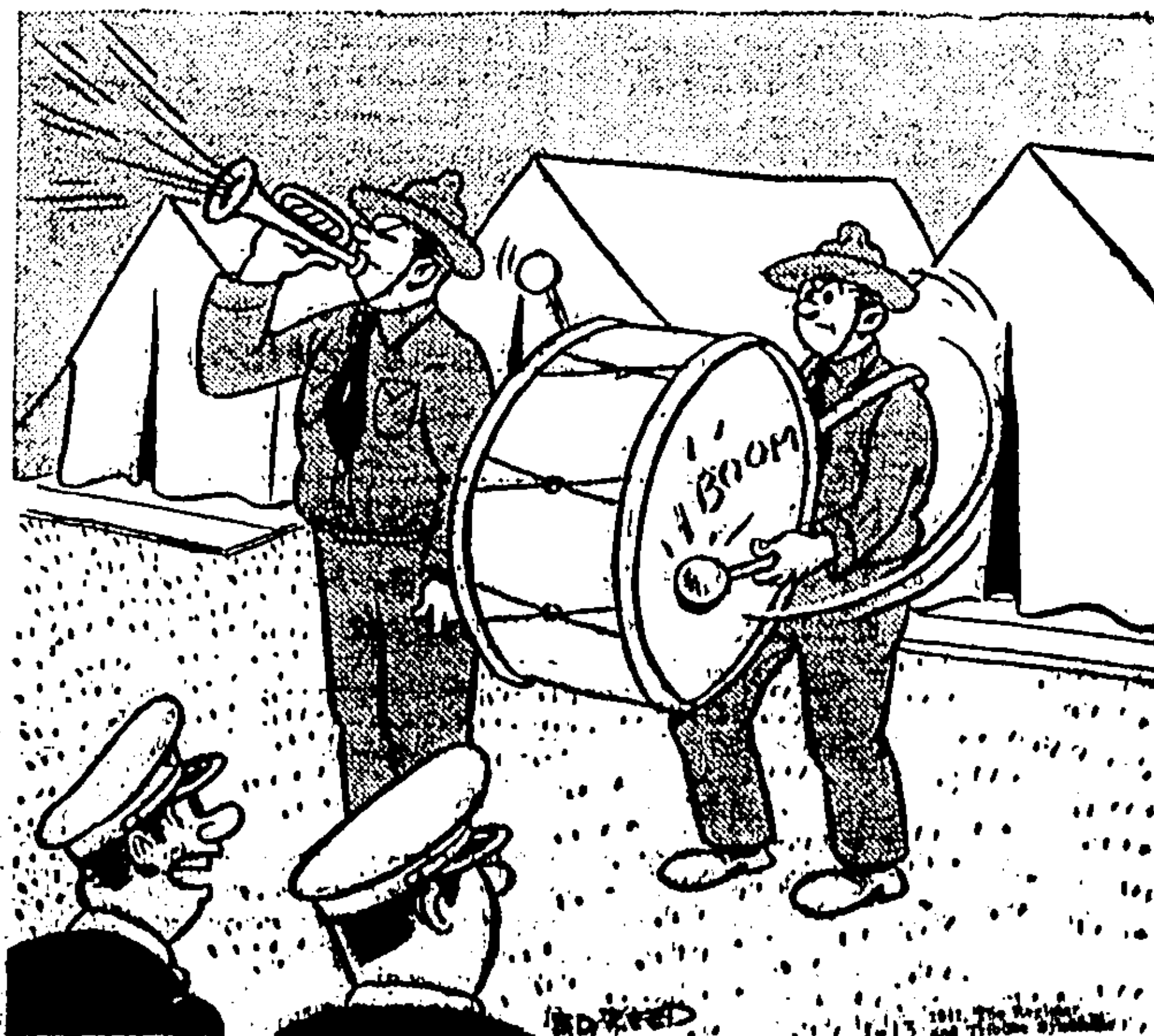
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12.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

1.13 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Variety with John Henry, Stan Holloway and Others.

Cinema Organ—The Old Spinning Wheel (Hill) Jesse Crawford;

Humorous Monologue—Gunner Joe (Marriott Edgar) Stanley Holloway with Piano; Cinema Organ—

My Wishing Song (Kahal & Burke) Jesse Crawford; Vocal—The

Shabby Old Cabby (Stillman) Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra; Ac-

cordeon Virtuoso—Woodland Flow-

ers (Felix Burns) Viljo Vester-

inen; Humorous—Joe Murgatroyd's

Letter John Henry & "Blossom";

Accordeon Virtuoso—Black and

White (Botsford) Viljo Vesterinen.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Demo-

cracy Marches".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special

Broadcast to the British Forces in

the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Schumann—Etudes Sym-

phoniques, Op. 13, Alfred Cortot

(Piano).

8.27 p.m.—A Grieg Programme.

Norwegian Bridal Procession (from

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(Piano)

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of

the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results

9.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections

with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

"Tick-Tock" Entr'acte (Vienna); Shy

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The shoe machinery had been rejected as unsuitable by prospective buyers in South America and was on its way back to Germany when seized.

and Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra, Flapperette (Green), The Doll Dance (Brown) Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Music Hall".

11.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

12.00 midnight—Close down.

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Mr. C. Walter, prosecuting, said that in June Mrs. Jenkins offered accommodation which was not satisfactory. Last month the clerk to Cowbridge Rural Council received a telegram saying, "No accommodation in my house," and when the chief billeting officer called with a mother and three children she could not see Mrs. Jenkins and had to take them away.

Mr. C. J. Hardwicke, defending, said that Mrs. Jenkins had offered the hall, which would have accommodated quite a number of persons, but this and a small house were not accepted. Mrs. Jenkins was getting on in years.

The Mayor, Ald. T. J. Yorwerth, said that every member of the Bench knew of Mrs. Blandy Jenkins's kindness throughout the county, but they were unanimous in saying that she should have taken the children.

EVACUEES RUN A "COUNTRY CLUB"

With its population of 17,000 increased 42 per cent. by evacuees, Hitchin, in Herts, is typical of a county that is overcoming problems by enthusiasm and hard work.

Evacuees use the old Town Hall in Hitchin as a "country club." Chairman of the committee is Dick Jones. In peace time mine host at Dick's Cafe, Bermondsey, S. E.

Women have formed sewing parties at the "club," children play with toys, and there is to be a communal laundry in the basement.

Mr. Jones and his committee typify the spirit with which the 7,000 evacuees, mostly Londoners, are settling down and adapting themselves in their new homes.

More than 120,000 people have been billeted in Herts since September.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.
Thursday, 6th March, 1941.
1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION
There will be no medical examination on Fri. 14th March.

2. CAMPS
It is notified for general information that the Field Ambulance H.K.V.D.C. will be required to attend for Camp Training from A.M. Monday 24th to P.M. Sun. 30th Mar. and not as previously ordered.

Any applications for leave must be forwarded in the usual way to the Commandant with reasons for such exemption.

3. PARADES
(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Inspection
The General Officer Commanding will inspect Corps Artillery on Murray Parade Ground on Saturday 22nd March. Batteries will fall in at 2.15 p.m.
A full dress rehearsal parade will take place on Wed. 19th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Dress: S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt.

All Ranks must attend both parades unless exemption has been obtained in writing from Battery Commanders.

ii. Conference
A conference will be held at H.Q. St. John's Place on Wed. 12th Mar. at 5.45 p.m. All Officers and those specially detailed will attend.

iii. Duties
During the absence on leave of B.Q.M.S. W. Hewitt the duties of B.Q.M.S. 1st Battery will be carried out by Bdr. D. Smith.

iv. 1st Battery
Tues. 11th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Sections. Lecture by Capt. Squire, R.A. Dress-Mufti.

Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B.C. As. Class and those detailed for Signal Class. Dress-Mufti.

v. 2nd Battery
Tues. 11th Mar. Belchers. 2.30 p.m. Left Section. Gun drill. Dummy loader and semaphore. Dress-Mufti. Overalls and S.D. cap to be carried.

Thurs. 13th Mar. Belchers. 2.30 p.m. Right Section. Gun drill. Dummy loader and semaphore. Dress-Mufti. Overalls and S.D. cap to be carried.

Thurs. 13th Mar. D.E.L. School. 2.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress-Mufti. Overalls and S.D. cap to be carried.

vi. 3rd Battery
Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Sections for Aberdeen. Dress as usual.

Fri. 14th Mar. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Engine training. Dress-Overalls.

vii. 4th Battery

Tues. 11th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. All Sections. general training and instruction. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, greatcoat (if necessary) and web belt only.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY
viii. 5th A.A. Battery
Tues. 11th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. Half day training at Saiwan. Dress as usual.

Tues. 11th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. Lecture. Dress-Mufti.

Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. Half day training at Saiwan. Dress as usual.

Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. Lecture. Dress-Mufti.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS
Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Section Drill. Overalls to be carried.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS
Mon. 10th Mar. No parade.
Wed. 12th Mar. (i) Classification groups. Preparation for tests.

(ii) Remainder. Signal training.
Fri. 14th Mar. (i) Wireless Course for those detailed. (ii) Remainder. Signal training.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN
Wed. 12th Mar. H.Q. 9 a.m. Handing in of respirators. Dress Drill order. R.T.R. cap.

TRANSFERS
Members of No. 5 (M.M.G.) Platoon are transferred to Nos. 3 and 4 (M.M.G.) Platoons.

No. 6 Platoon (L.G.) will be known as No. 5 Platoon (L.G.).

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY
Fri. 7th Mar. Company proceed to Camp.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY
Wed. 12th Mar. Company parade at H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Talk on camp programme.

Fri. 14th Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Dress. Battle order, excluding mess tin and water bottle and gungary in place of steel helmet.

Rifles and S.B.Rs. Those who have not returned same to stores must do so without delay. Company Office will be open on Mon. 10th Mar.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY
Mon. 10th Mar. No parade.
Thurs. 13th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY
Fri. 7th Mar. Company proceed to camp.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY
Fri. 7th Mar. Company proceed to camp.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY
Fri. 14th Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY
Fri. 7th Mar. Company proceed to camp.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 9th Mar.-Sat. 15th Mar. (inclusive). Transport and Supplies Sections Duties at H.Q. Those detailed by S. & T. Office. Dress as usual.

Thurs. 13th Mar. No parade.
Fri. 21st Mar. Company Dinner. All invitations to be submitted immediately.

Sun. 25th Mar. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE
Wed. 12th Mar. H.Q. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dress—Jacket, trousers, belt, black boots, S.D. cap. Greatcoat or cardigan to be carried.

Duty Camp—Fanling
7th-14th Mar. Those detailed to attend will proceed to Fanling on Fri. 7th.

(n) PAY SECTION
Fri. 14th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress-Mufti.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY
Wed. 12th Mar. Exchange Building. 2.30 p.m. Manning. Training as detailed.

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AFFILIATED UNIT
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1. MON. 10.3.41
Advanced Lecture. Military Hospital. 5.30 p.m. Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 5.20 p.m.

2. THURS. 13.3.41
Advanced Lecture. Military Hospital. 3 p.m. Non-Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 2.45 p.m. via Vol. H.Q.

3. FRI. 14.3.41
A.R.P. Lecture. 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. Headquarters. Happy Valley. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 5.20 p.m.

4. HOSPITAL ATTACHMENT
Mrs. I. Ritchie. 24.2.41.-31.3.41.

5. STRENGTH-DECREASE
Mrs. D. Rymer (Left the Colony).

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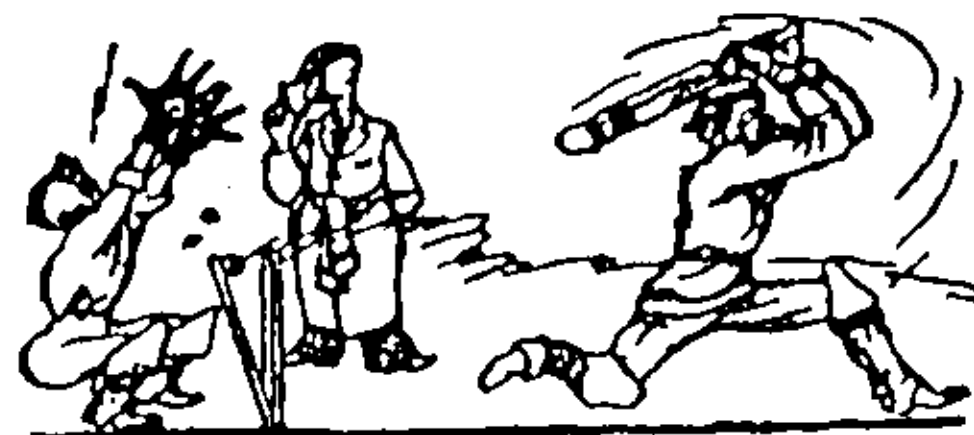
Saints Favoured To Beat Indians

Good Umpires Appointed For Vital Game

By "Grandstand"

THE LONG awaited answer to the question, "Who will win the pennant this year?" will be found in the St. Joseph's-Indians clash, scheduled for 1 p.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-morrow, in the opener of the Senior League triple bill.

During the week, the writer has had an opportunity to indulge in a little crystal gazing, and unless the glass ball is to prove false this is a banner year for the Collegians.



CURTAILED CRICKET PROGRAMME

At the time of writing it does not appear as though cricket will be possible during the week-end, but even if conditions permit only a very curtailed programme will be carried out.

The only League fixture on the revised card is a Second Division affair between Indian R.C. and Civil Service at Sookumpoo, and though there is very little to choose between the two teams, the fact that the Indians will be playing on their own ground must be borne in mind and this might prove to be the deciding factor.

Craigengower are down to meet St. Joseph's in a friendly and should win, while in the only other match on the programme Recreio Juniors should not have any difficulty in beating H.M.S. Tamar.

SECOND DIVISION

League I.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

FRIENDLIES

Senior C.C.C. v. St. Joseph's

Junior Recreio v. Tamar

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, J. T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

C.C.C. 1st XI:—A. M. Omar, S. Leonard, A. Hung, E. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, G. Souza, W. K. Way, N. Broadbridge, T. H. Edgar, G. S. Ladd and L. Choa.

Recreio:—E. A. R. Alves, A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Prata.

Although hitting power and sound fielding should be able to see the Saints through, the Indians have been a constant threat since their victory over the Mighty Mohawks, and will be throwing everything into this last attempt to halt the Saints.

Evenly Matched

There is little to choose between Indian Ringer Kassa Nazarin and Collegian hurler Frankie "Bashful" Gonsales, though the latter has the slight advantage of having Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, Ozo (Gono), George Souza and Dave (the Bambino) behind him, whereas the Indian infield will be represented by "Romeo" Hamet, "Baby" Huekai Kitchell and Oscar "Shorty" Arendt.

Arbitrators for this game will be Nip Lum, Lino Gonsano and Bill Woo.

Immediately after this game, the Chinese Baseballers tackle Cyclones in another "rip-rarin" tussle. Judging from their last game with the Saints, the Omar-men seem rather disorganised, but it is just possible that it was a case of inferiority complex.

Manager "Sunburn" Omar, super-optimist, will be starting Pinky Pineda on the mound, with Skelly Razack behind batter.

Chinese Baseballer Denham Cray, who seems to be chalking up success after success will toil on the slab for the Lumen. Cray should be able to puzzle the Cyclones with his fading upshoots, with battery-mate Nip Lum receiving.

In the night-cap, the Hong Kong Baseballers wind up their schedule when they meet the Canadian Chinese. The Marauding Mohawks should be able to make short work of the Maple Leafs, especially with Canuck hurler Geegee Lee's 'prayer' ball.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon F.C. ground)
St. Joseph's v Indians
(1.00 p.m.)
Cyclones v Chinese Baseballers
(2.15 p.m.)
H.K. Baseballers v Canadian Chinese (3.30 p.m.)
LADIES' LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon F.C. ground)
Wahoos v Baby Panthers
(10.00 a.m.)
Wildcats v Canadian Chinese
(11.30 a.m.)

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The Annual sports of St. Paul's College were held yesterday but owing to the heavy ground no good times were returned.

The Senior Individual Championship was won by Wan Sau-tak with 18 points, the Junior by Chui Kin-yan with 16 points and the Small Boys' by Ip Kau-wan with 15 points.

Results were:
Senior 100 Metres:—1, Leung Po-shun; 2, Lau Chok-kon; 3, Wan Sau-tak. Time: 12.6 secs.

Junior 100 Metres:—1, Tsui Kin-yan; 2, Leung Kwai-lum; 3, Lee Cho-hang. Time: 12.6 secs.

Small Boys' 100 Metres:—1, Yip Kau-wah; 2, Man Hung-chi; 3, Yeung Kung-shuen. Time: 14.5 secs.

Senior 200 Metres:—1, Wan Sau-tak; 2, Mak Ting-hung; 3, Lum Lee-keung. Time: 25.6 secs.

Junior 200 Metres:—1, Lee Cho-hang; 2, Tsui Kin-yan; 3, Tse Ping-fai. Time: 26.6 secs.

Small Boys' 400 Metres:—1, Ip Kau-wah; 2, John So; 3, Man Kwong-tai. Time: 1 min 15.6 secs.

Senior Long Jump:—1, Lau Chok-kon; 2, Kwok Tak-shing; 3, Wan Sau-tak. Distance: 17 ft. 3½ in.

Junior Long Jump:—1, Tse Ping-fai; 2, Lau Cho-sang; 3, Lee Cho-hang. Distance: 16 ft. 9 in.

Small Boys' Long Jump:—1, John So; 2, Lo Yick-kong; 3, Tse Ying-chuen. Distance: 13 ft. 5 in.

Senior Shot Put:—1, Tong Kwok-fan; 2, Chan Pak-cheung; 3, Kwok Tak-shing. Distance: 33 ft. 7 in.

800 Metres, Scout-pace:—1, Lo Kar-shueung; 2, Chan Fuk-kin; 3, Lui Yick-cheung.

Senior Pole Vault:—1, Kan Wah-sang; 2, Wan Sau-tak. Height: 8 ft. 4 in.

Small Boys' High Jump:—1, Ip Kau-wah; 2, John So; 3, Tse Ying-chuen. Height: 3 ft. 10 in.

Senior High Jump:—1, Chan Pak-cheung; 2, Kwok Tak-shing; 3, Lau Chok-kon. Height: 5 ft.

Junior High Jump:—1, Lee Cho-hang; 2, Tsui Kin-yan; 3, Tse Ping-fai. Height: 4 ft. 10 in.

100 Metres (Open to the St. Paul's Girls' College):—1, Miss Yeung Sik-keung; 2, Miss Ho Hung-fai; 3, Miss Lo Tam-yim. Time: 18.5 secs.

Senior 400 Metres:—1, Wan Sau-tak; 2, Chang Wal-yue; 3, Lau Chok-kon. Time: 1 min. 3.6 secs.

100 Metres Old Boys' Race:—1, Cheung Chow; 2, Fung Chung-fun; 3, Chan Wah-kuen. Time: 12.5 secs.

Junior 800 Metres:—1, Tsui Kin-yan; 2, Tsui Kin-wai; 3, Tse Ping-fai. Time: 2 mins. 40 secs.

Senior 800 Metres:—1, Chang Wal-yue; 2, Lum Lee-keung; 3, Wong Chow-ping. Time: 2 mins. 41 secs.

Invitation Relay Race:—1, La Salle College; 2, King's College; 3, Wah Yan College. Time: 2 mins. 47.4 secs.

Senior 110 Metres (High Hurdles):—1, Lau Chok-kon; 2, Wan Sau-tak; 3, Tse Ping-fai. Time: 20.2 secs.

Senior 1,600 Metres:—1, Chang Wal-yue; 2, Lum Lee-keung; 3, Chui Kin-wai. Time: 5 mins. 21.6 secs.

Senior Inter-school Relay:—1, Brown; 2, Blue; 3, Yellow.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The first day of the University Sports was held yesterday at Pokfulam.

Results were:
10,000 Metres (Final):—1, Yong Yuk-wah (May); 2, Tam Kin-lung-kho (Elliot); 3, O. U. Cheong

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

NEEDLE GAME AT KOWLOON F.C.

Wildcats Favoured To Win Pennant

By "Grandstand"

UNLESS THE Wildcats suffer a sudden reversal of form, they will give those who haven't seen them yet, a real eyeful of aggressive play to emerge winners in their final pennant drive against the Canadian Chinese, last season's champs, in the spot-lighted game, slated for to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Heading the long string of Walloping Wildcats is Irene Pereira, who, besides being a most dangerous distance hitter, knows everything about second base, whilst flashy third-sacker Gloria Mar is a triple threat. She is also proficient with the stick as well as a base-stealing wizard. The others to make up their slugging parade are Lily Mar, Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta, and fork-handed Dolly Brown.

Toeing the rubber for the Untamed Felines, will be Thelma Collaco, who has pitched two no-hit games this season, with Cynthia da Motta working behind the batter.

Mary Ng "Sized Up?"

Fire-ball hurler Mary Ng, chucking for the Canuckettes, will be the only serious obstacle to the Wildcat's pennant bid. Although Mary Ng still has a lot of the Old Moxie on the ball, having driven her opponents crazy all through the campaign, it seems that the untamed felines had solved her shoots, by hitting her almost at will, after the third frame in their previous encounter, when the Canuckettes were swamped.

Long-Standing Rivalry

At 10.00 a.m. the Baby Panthers tangle with the Green-shirted Wahoos in a game full of rivalry, which dates back ever since Softball was introduced to Hong Kong.

The Panther Kittens have been considerably weakened ever since hindsnatcher Theresa Marques was put out of action, by splitting her hand, in an earlier game, and although utility Theresita Botelho is a fair receiver, there is still plenty of room for improvement in her pegs to second.

Lelia Xavier will work on the hill for the Pantherettes, whilst Celeste Marques, Thelma "Peanut" Marques, Regina, Xavier and "Alec" Mendonca will be guarding the sacks.

For the Owls, Therese "Big Chief" Noronha will be chucking to battery-mate Jackie Anderson, with her usual infield support of first-sacker, Yvonne "Goo-goo" Yolle, keystoner, Socorro Castro, hot corner keeper, Ida Castro and short-stop, Irene Castilha. Jeanette "Blondie" Yolle, "Bunny" Abbas, and Coco Yolle will be hauling down everything that comes out to the gardens—if they hit that far.

(Morrison): 4, B. S. Chowla (Lugard); 5, Paul Liu (Morrison); 6, M. H. Khoo (Ricci); 7, Hph. Wong (May). Time: 44.9 7-10.

220 Yards Low Hurdles—Heat 1:—1, K. M. Au (Morrison); 2, S. Mphmood (Lugard); 3, S. H. Leung (Ricci). Time: 28.4-5. Heat 2:—1, E. Kwai (Ricci); 2, Y. S. Lam (Morrison); 3, T. T. Chin (Elliot).

440 Yards—Heat 1:—1, E. Kwai (Ricci); 2, J. C. Benton (Morrison); 3, Chai Kim-swan (Elliot); 4, P. Vangadasalam (Lugard). Time: 63.3. Heat 2:—1, S. Singh (Lugard); 2, Lum Hak-huen (Elliot); 3, N. Singh (Lugard); 4, P. Tam (Morrison). Time: 60.

Shot Put—G. Derkach (Lugard); 2, N. Singh (Lugard); 3, Y. S. Lam (Morrison); 4, S. S. Khoo (Ricci); 5, E. Kwai (Ricci); 6, E. Maruza (Lugard). Distance 33ft. 6in.



SEVEN-A SIDE RUGBY FINAL TO-DAY

The Annual seven-a-side Rugby Tournament for the Blarney Stone Shield will be completed this afternoon when the first game of the Quarter Finals will be played at 3 p.m.

On current form Club and Tamar appear likely finalists and if the Navy are at full strength they should win to bring off the "double".

Royal Engineers, winners of the Army Small Units Rugby League and yet undefeated in the Large Units League, also hope to do well.

The Band of Middlesex Regiment will play between the various rounds and at the conclusion of the Final the Blarney Stone Shield will be presented to the winners by Lady Grayburn.

Following is the draw for the Quarter Finals:—

Club v. Civil Service.
Royal Engineers v. Royal Scots.
B. and S. v. Middlesex "B".
8th R.A. "A" v. Tamar and

Small Ships.

Following are the teams:—
CLUB "A":—H. van Leeuwen, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. M. Thomson, C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden. (Capt.) and R. E. Heasman.
Reserve:—D. Thomas.

ROYAL ENGINEERS:—Spr. Jones, Cpl. Bleton, Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (Capt.), Spr. Martin, L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.
Reserve:—L/Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Apperley and Spr. Rees.

CIVIL SERVICE:—A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.), L. E. Lammer, T. O. Morgan, J. Redman, B. Hynes, F. Burford, and E. W. R. Hackett.
Reserve:—J. C. Charter.

ROYAL SCOTS: "A":—Pte. Parnaby, Cpl. Douglas (Capt.), Cpl. Patterson, Cpl. Hook (Capt.), Cpl. Cook, L/Sgt. Sutherland, and 2/Lt. Pinkerton.
Reserve:—L/Cpl. Gracie.

B. & S.:—J. C. G. Matthews, A. G. Gratton, V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchison, J. M. Macrae, B. G. Castleton (Capt.) and G. B. Godfrey.

Reserve:—J. B. Colls and L. J. Money.

8TH HEAVY REGT. "A":—L/Sgt. Richards, Sgt. Marsh, Cpl. Shipwith, Cpl. Hook (Capt.), Cpl. Cook, L/Sgt. McDermott and Cpl. Taylor.

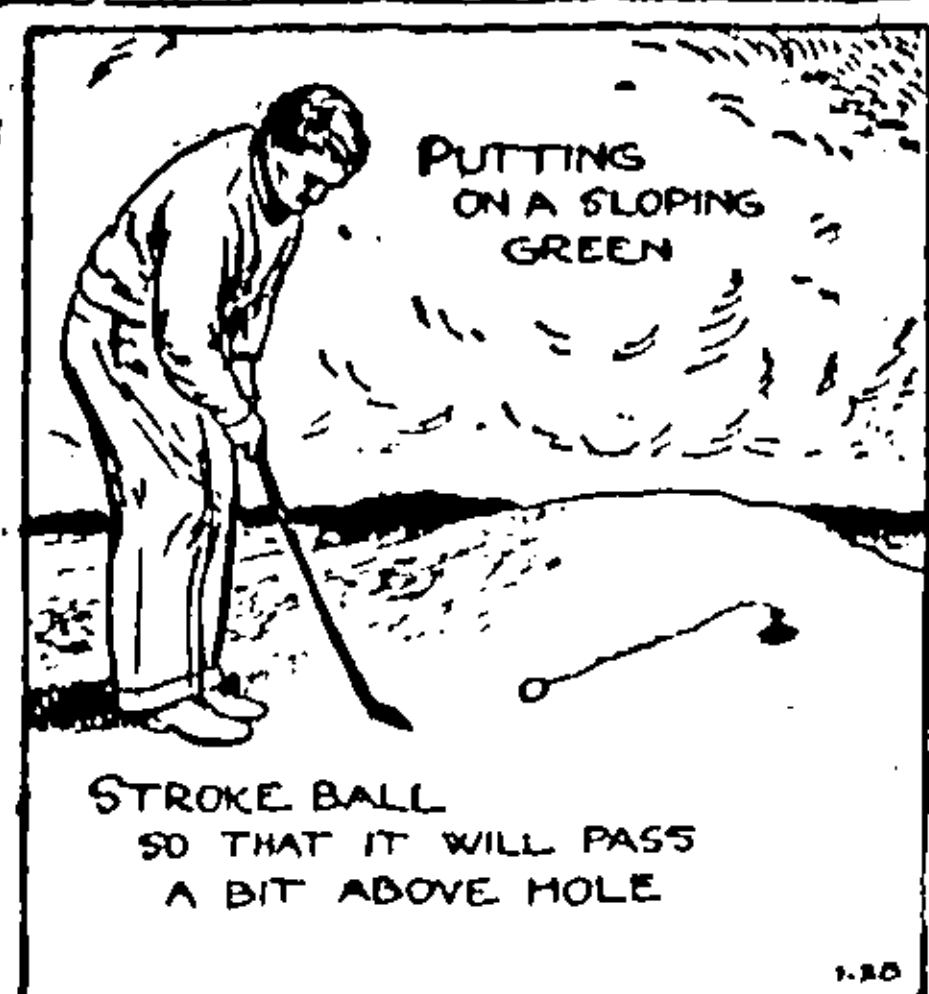
Reserve:—B. Taylor.
MIDDLESEX "B":—Pte. Thompson (Capt.), Pte. Thompson (39), Sgt. Sturdy, Pte. Samuels, Lt. Wileghby (Capt.), Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Wooker.
Reserve:—D. M. Holdford.

TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "A":—Tel. Honywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden, S.B.A. Flynn, C.P.O. Wtr. King and P.O. Wilson.
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Slope Of Green

BY BEST BALL

The rank and file of golfers, and even those players who score in the high seventies and low eighties, generally pay more attention to the mechanics of putting than to actually training the putting eye. By this latter phrase is meant such important factors as estimating the speed of the green, and the slope of the putting terrain. Golfers will experiment long and painstakingly on their putting stroke yet neglect learning the solution to problems which confront them on every green.

On a sloping green, for example such as that illustrated above, the player should make an effort to have the ball pass a bit above the hole. There is always the possibility that it may roll into the upper side of the cup. A stroke, which does not allow sufficiently for this angle, may guide the ball below the cup, discouragingly travelling further and further below as it progresses.

Next Article:—Clearing The Hitting Action.

ARMY HOCKEY TEAM

Following have been selected to represent the British Army against Hong Kong Hockey Club on Tuesday, at King's Park, at 4.45 p.m.:—
L/Cpl. Dove (Signals), Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots), Bdr. Anderson (R.A.), Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.), Sgt. Croston (R.E.), Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.), Cpl. Singleton (R.E.), Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.), Pte. Hitchcock (Royal Scots), L/Cpl. Shaw (R.E.) (Captain) and Sgt. Hornburg (R.E.)
Reserves:—Cpl. Allisey (Royal Scots) and L/Sgt. Taylor (R.E.)

A PROMISING BASEBALL PITCHER

Some years ago, a pitcher by the name of Walter Johnson was making baseball history in the American League. There is no question but what he was one of the greatest pitchers ever and his brilliant work will long be remembered by those who saw him perform.

Now it looks very much as if another pitcher by the name of Johnson would write his name large in baseball. This time it is Earl Johnson, a young man from Seattle, Wash., and a graduate of St. Mary's College, who is on the roster of the Boston Red Sox.

Young Johnson is a left-hander. He was brought up last season from the Rocky Mount farm club of the Red Sox and turned in the fine record of winning six games while losing only two. This year it is predicted that he will do even better and that before he hangs up his glove for good he will have left a record that will stand high in major-league pitching history.

FIVE WORLD TRACK RECORDS

Fleet-footed Joe Gregory, of Rice, ran to his second indoor world record in eight days, winning the National A.A.A. 3-mile championship for the second successive year in 13 minutes 31 seconds at Madison Square Garden recently. Simultaneously he broke the records for two and one-half miles and two and three-quarters miles in 11:39.5 and 12:49, respectively.

The old three-mile record was 13:50.6 made by Lauri Lehtinen, of Finland, in 1933.

Joseph P. McCluskey, of New York, set a new record for the 12-mile steeplechase when he finished in 9:35.4.

The distance medley relay was won by the New York University team of Fabian Francis, Jared Fangbner, Joseph Gares and Leslie MacMitchell, in 7:25.3 also a new world record. The old mark, made by a United States team in England in 1936, was 7:35.8.



WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

First Division

Middlesex v Police
(Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v Navy
(Kowloon 4.30 p.m.)
Eastern v St. Joseph's
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Ordnance
(Boundary Street 3 p.m.)
South China v Navy
(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kwong Wah
(St. Joseph's 4.30 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Club
(St. Joseph's 3.00 p.m.)

Third Division

Medicals v Signals
(Military 3.00 p.m.)
20th R.A. v International
(Chatham Road 3.00 p.m.)
24th R.A. v 7th R.A.
(Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

First Division

South China v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots v Club
(Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Police v Sing Tao
(Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)

Third Division

Shel v Air Force
(Boundary Street 3.00 p.m.)

H.K.F.C. ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of Hong Kong Football Club will be held at Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, March 29, at 7.30 p.m.

EASTERN AND SAINTS MAIN GAME TO-DAY

By "Referee"

THE BEST GAME in this afternoon's soccer programme should be at Caroline Hill where Eastern, still in running for the Championship, meet the lowly placed St. Joseph's, but conquerors of Sing Tao in the Shield Competition.

Eastern are not looking forward to this game with any great degree of confidence. They have the faster forward line but the Saints' defence is a heavy one and favoured with the heavy ground conditions should be able to hold them.

Eastern are fielding their best side but Saints will be without the services of Guy, who is still nursing an injured wrist and MacDonald, their centre forward, who has been indisposed for a while. St. Joseph's are not taking a chance with these players and are keeping them for the Shield semi-final.

Santos is also a doubtful starter as he is on volunteer camp.

Though Kowloon have been weakened by the loss of Truscott and Hutchinson they should give Navy a good fight as they have several promising youngsters who have been promoted.

A good game should be seen at Boundary street between Middlesex and Police with the former winning.

To-morrow South China meet Kwong Wah in First Division in their home stretch for the senior title and it would be, indeed, a great surprise if Kwong Wah obtain even a point.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey at King's Park to-day:

1st XI v Nomads (4.15 p.m.):—Cleggett; Taylor, Yourieff; Croft, Coombe, Waldron; Spenchalyh, Smith, Hitchcock, Morgan, Dunne.

2nd XI v R.A.M.C. (3 p.m.):—Cleggett; Railton, Tomlinson; Smiths, Gorman, Banks; Macey, Olsen, Dormer, Ure, Mancey.

L. CHRISTOPHER BEST SINCE JOE DIMAGGIO

The Yankees have another Joe DiMaggio in Lloyd Christopher, who played with the Oakland Coasters in 1940 and is supposed to remain there another season.

It won't be long after his Yankee debut that Christopher, only 20, will have Yankee Stadium fans and those around the circuit talking about his skill.

Christopher stands six feet, two and a half and weighs 195 pounds and is described as being as fast as a streak and having a powerful arm.

Fine Prospect

As a fielder, Christopher is one of the finest prospects seen. He is a dead ringer for Bob Meusel. He doesn't throw quite as forcefully as Long Bob did, but there's not much difference. Bob, you remember, had the best throwing arm in the American League.

Christopher is considered just as good a prospect as Joe DiMaggio.

MUTUEL MACHINES ARE CREDITED WITH N. Y. PURSE GAIN

New York's use of pari-mutuel betting machines is credited with an increase in the amount of purse money distributed to winning stables in 1940. The total jumped from \$2,168,000 in 1939 to \$2,689,785. The average daily distribution to winning stables was \$15,334, as compared with \$12,147 in 1939. Belmont Park set the pace for the state, as well as for the entire country.

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MOVE ON ADDIS ABABA

Successful British And Patriot Offensive

KREMLIN AGAIN DENIES REPORT OF ULTIMATUM

Reports that Soviet Russia had demanded from Rumania the cession of her Black Sea naval bases, were officially denied in Moscow yesterday.

The denial describes the reports as "absurd fabrications."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT EXPERTS LEAVING

President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with Mr. Averell Harriman prior to the latter's departure for England on Monday.

The President gave Mr. Harriman a letter of introduction to British officials in which it is stated he will act as the President's personal representative regarding all matters relating to the facilitation of material aid to the British Empire and to expedite assistance by the United States.

Mr. Edward Warner, an aeroplane expert, and Colonel Allen Green, vice chairman of the ordnance advisory committee of

Garrison Of Burye Meets Difficulties

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Abyssinia)

BRITISH FORCES AND ABYSSINIAN PATRIOTS ARE CONTINUING THEIR TWELVE-SIDE THRUST TOWARDS ADDIS ABABA WITH INCREASING SUCCESS.

They are living sometimes on iron rations and at others on game shot by the wayside or on captured Italian supplies.

Apart from the feats of the South African troops in Italian Somaliland, centres of greatest interest are Keren, where the Italian defenders are in increasing danger of being cut off as the Imperial forces together with Free French units swept southward from behind the Italian defences, and in Central Abyssinia, where the Abyssinian forces with Australian and British officers, are already beyond Mankusa, eight miles east of Burye.

Guerilla Tactics

On the latter front, the Italians have left behind large quantities of food stores.

The British booty on this front on Wednesday alone, included over 20 vehicles, four guns and a number of machine-guns.

After withdrawing from Burye, the Italians spent a distinctly restless night on Tuesday.

the War Department, will accompany Mr. Harriman.—Reuter.

Patriots harassed their night camp continually and on Wednesday morning, the British forces again attacked the retreating Italians despite covering fire from their artillery and the assistance of one lone aircraft still remaining from the ruins of the Italian Air Force in Abyssinia.

Later on Wednesday, a Caproni, probably the same machine, was shot down.

North of Lake Tana, a number of patriots have been visiting forward troops around Chilga, on the main Gallabat-Gondar road, and helping to co-ordinate activities against enemy troops around Gondar itself.—Reuter.

QUISLING DROPS ALL PRETENCE

Quisling's Party, the Nasjonal Samling, has now openly abandoned its pose to be fighting for the independence of Norway, says a Norwegian Telegraph Agency despatch received in London yesterday.

All the party's speakers are now talking about a Great Norwegian Empire under German control and even admitting that German soldiers will remain permanently in Norway.

The Party is also recommending the return to the old system by which Hamburg was the commercial centre of northern Europe, which would mean that Norway is to be reduced to the same position of economic subjection to Germany as in the Hanseatic period.—Reuter.

NAZI SHIP SUNK

COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT SANK AN ENEMY SUPPLY SHIP OFF THE DUTCH COAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

They also bombed the naval harbour at Den Helder and the enemy occupied aerodrome at Occenburg.

No British aircraft is missing from this operation.—Reuter.

WAR LOAN FIRM ON STOCK MARKET

Gilt-edged securities were strong on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on good re-investment demand arising from the India call-up, War Loan advancing three-eighths to 104-1/4, the highest since 1937. India Loans were also supported but elsewhere the markets were quiet though mostly firmly held. London Associated Electric, however, jumped 3/- on an encouraging dividend. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An unconfirmed report from Santiago, Chile, states that a naval battle was fought off Cape Horn in the Straits of Magellan yesterday between British warships and German sea raiders.

It is believed that one German raider was sunk after which several other German commerce raiders broke off the action.

A light-house keeper said he heard gunfire distinctly and believed it came from the direction of Punta Arena. Later a fisherman told him that he had seen four or more warships heading for the Atlantic.

NO CONFIRMATION OF THE BATTLE WAS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY AS A THUNDERSTORM WAS RAGING, BUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT BRITISH WARSHIPS HAD AMBUSHED GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDERS WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC IS NOT DISCOUNTED.

The Government of Chili has sent coast-guard vessel to investigate, while the Chilean Minister of Marine refused to confirm the report pending full investigations.

It is stated that the battle may have taken place within the 300-mile safety zone, which constitutes a violation of American neutrality.—International News Service.

A slight increase in hire rates for small taxis in Kowloon, announced in the "Gazette" this morning, has already come into force.

Small taxis in Kowloon now cost 40 cents for the first mile and five cents for each fifth of a mile (instead of quarter of a mile) in excess of this distance.

The charge for the first mile in large taxis in Kowloon is unchanged at 50 cents but the rate for each quarter of a mile in excess is increased to 10 cents. The waiting time for five minutes is also increased to 10 cents.

There is no change in taxi rates on the island.

With the improvement in the Franco-Thai situation the Japanese consul-general in Saigon, Mr. Minoda, has cancelled the stand-by evacuation advice to Japanese, and the evacuation ship "Saigon Maru" has proceeded to Japan.

Japanese reports state the Indo-China authorities have cancelled further black-out practices.—Reuter.

The U.S. Senate yesterday rejected, by 56 votes to 35, an amendment by Senator Johnson to prohibit the use of future appropriations for the maintenance of military forces outside the western hemisphere or in combat areas fixed by the President.

Rejection of the amendment is a substantial step towards passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.—Reuter.

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Mr. W. H. E. Thomas appointed a member of the Board of Review, War Revenue Ord., 1940.

Mr. T. J. Houston to be District Officer in N.D. of the N.T.

Mr. T. J. Houston to hold a Small Debts Court in the N.T.

Mr. S. L. Lloyd to act as Organiser of the General Group for Essential Services in the H.K.D.R.

Miss Helen Wong to be a Temporary Public Vaccinator.

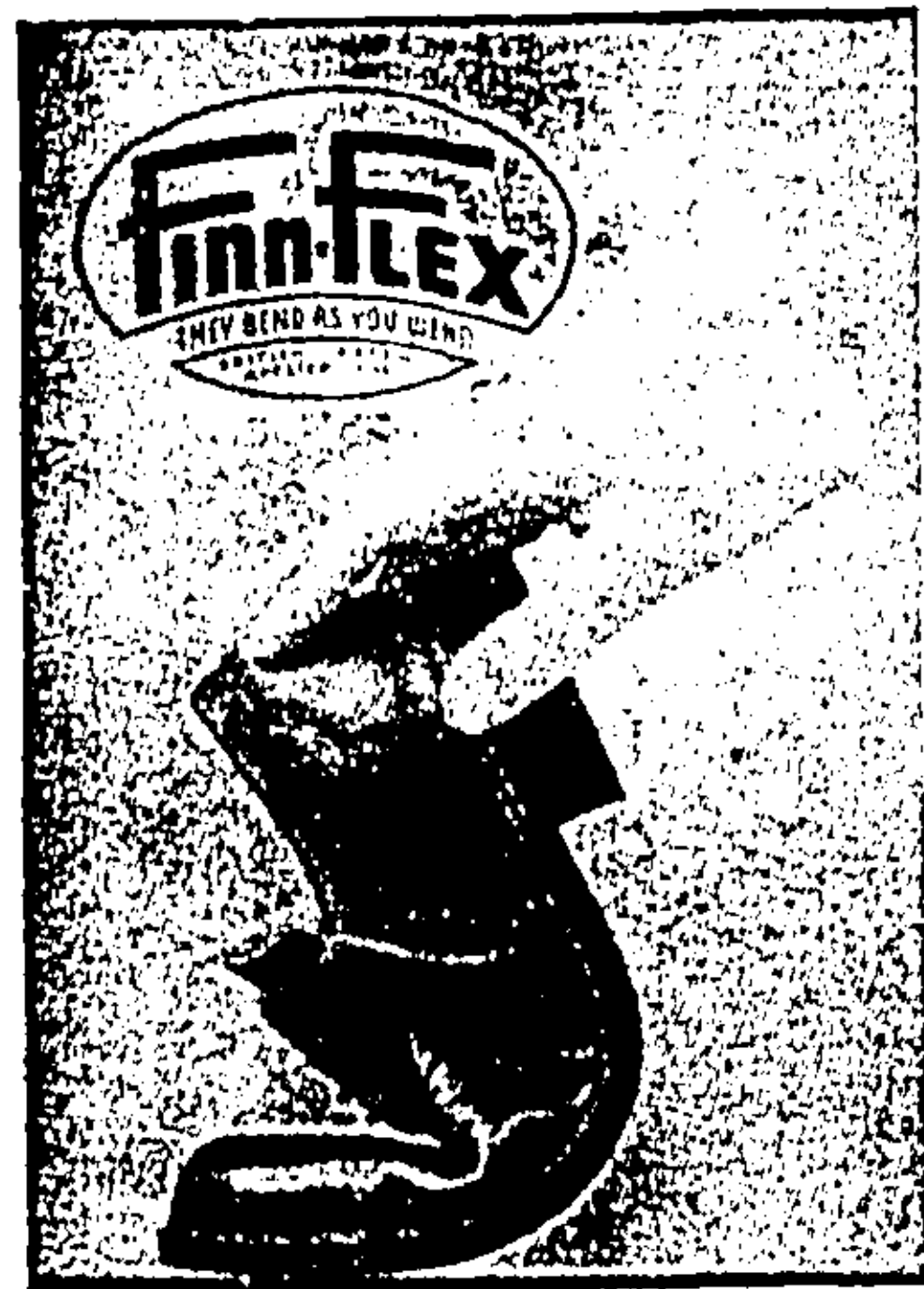
Mr. S. Yano appointed Japanese Consul-General at Hong Kong.

Mr. D. M. Munro to be Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the H.K.N.V.F.

Mr. Kan Lu-dun relinquished his duties as a Chinese Immigration Officer.

Messrs. J. R. Poye, Iu Tak-shun, Harry Lee Chin and George Yin-sing Lee, to be Chinese Assistant Immigration Officers.

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